



*GO! GO!*  
**LOSER RANGER!**

**3**

**NEGI  
HARUBA**

CREATOR OF THE QUINTESSENTIAL QUINTUPLETS





*GO! GO!*  
**LOSER RANGER!**

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**NEGI HARUBA**



# CHARACTER PROFILES



## FIGHTER D

A rank-and-file member of the fighters known as "Dusters." He has decided to join hands with Hibiki in order to put an end to the war by mimicking him and infiltrating the Ranger Force once more. His current goal is to be promoted to a full member of the Rangers so he can get closer to the Dragon Keepers.

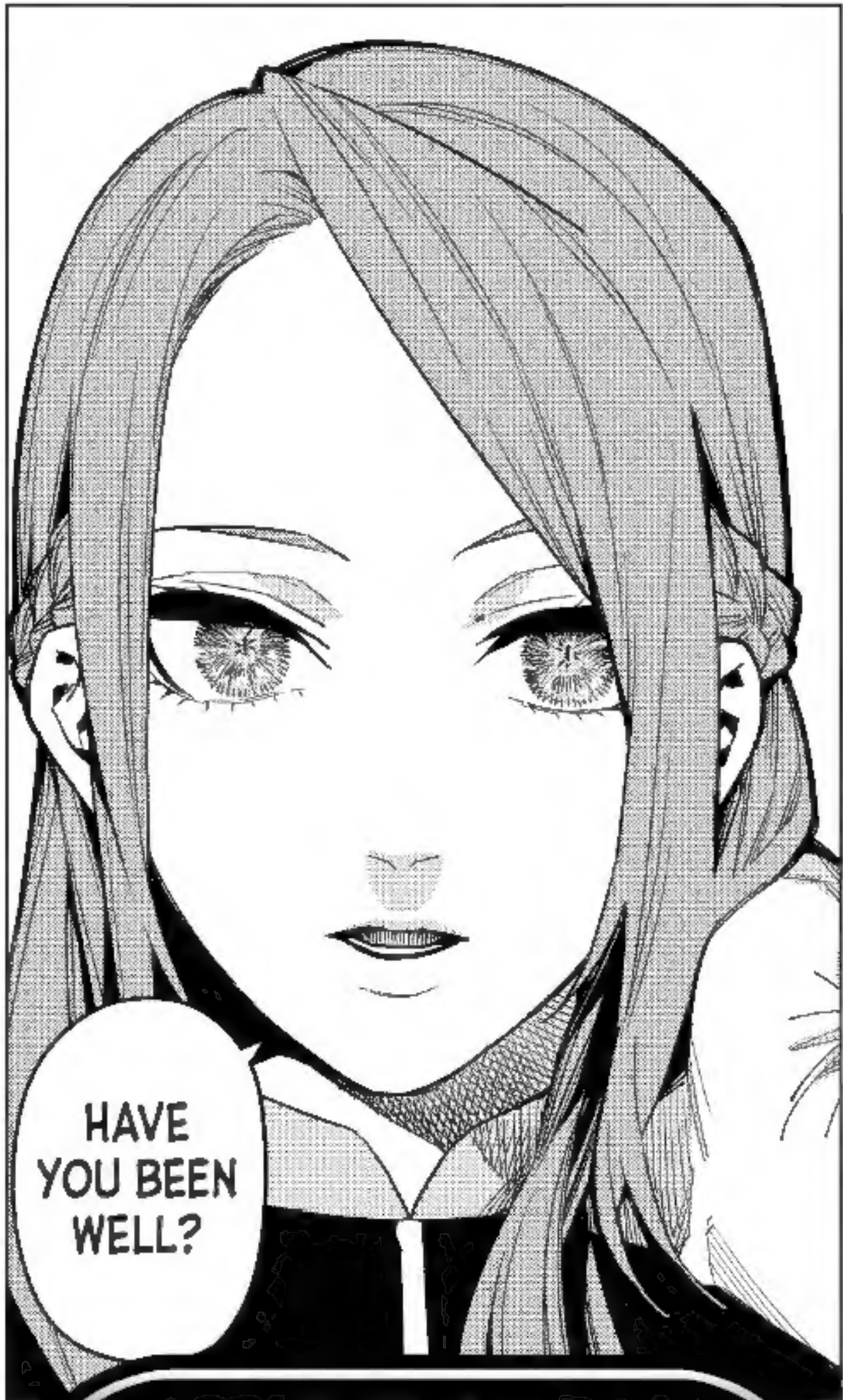


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### MYSTERIOUS MONSTER GIRL

A Fighter who'd been hiding inside of the closet in Hibiki's room. She seems to trust Hibiki.



### SESERA SAKURAMA

Hibiki's older sister and the current Pink Keeper.



### HIBIKI SAKURAMA

After learning the truth about the war, Hibiki decided to work with D in order to right the Ranger Force. He has entrusted his life as Hibiki Sakurama to D and gone off to reform the Force from the outside.



# THE DIVINE DRAGON RANGERS: THE DRAGON KEEPERS

AKA. THE RANGER FORCE



**KANON  
HISUI**

Green Squad's  
No. 2.



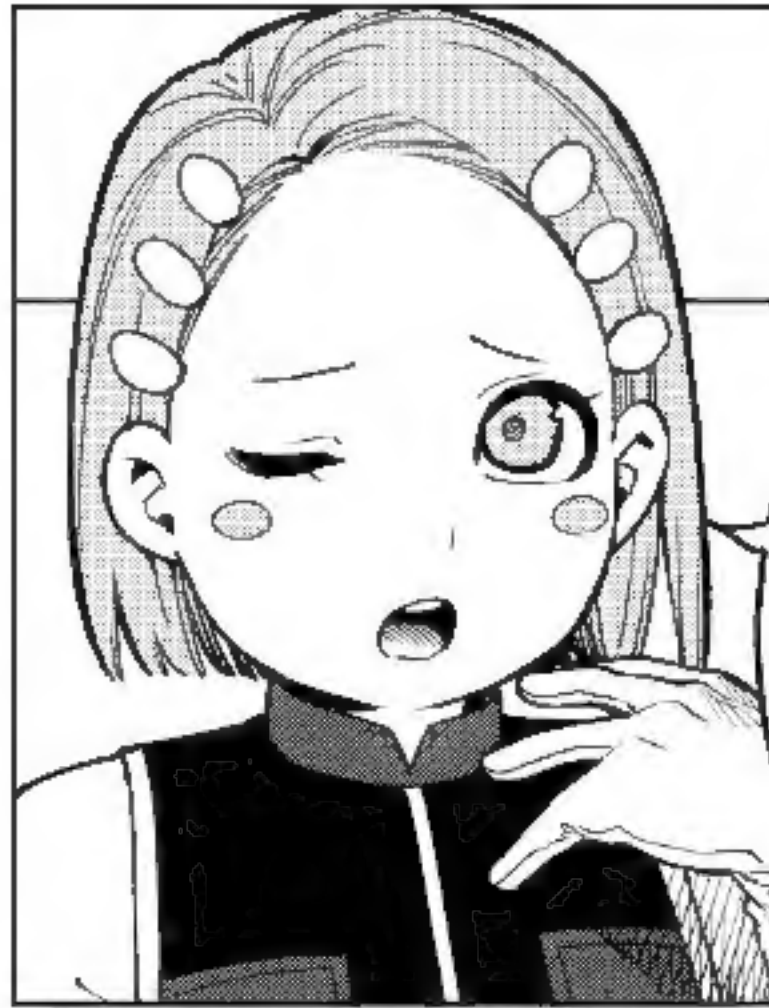
**YUMEKO  
SUZUKIRI**

Yellow Squad's  
No. 2. Plotting  
to crush the  
Ranger Force.



**JIN  
HIMURA**

Red Squad's  
former No. 2.



**KOMACHI  
AIZOME**

Standing in for  
Blue Squad's  
No. 2.



**MASURAO  
NADESHIKO**

Pink Squad's  
No. 2.

## RECRUITS



**SOUJIROU  
ISHIKAWA**

THAT'S  
RIGHT.



**ANGELICA  
YUKINO**

WHAT IS  
IT? I'M  
EATING.



**KAI  
SHION**

WHY'D  
YOU JUST



**EIGEN  
URABE**

HE CLEARLY  
CONSIDERS  
SAKURAMA  
HIS RIVAL.



**RENNEN  
AKEBAYASHI**



**ANGEL  
USUKUBO**

...BUT  
I GUESS I CAN'T  
BLAME HER NOW  
THAT WE'RE  
ALL COMPETING  
AGAINST EACH  
OTHER...



**YAMATO  
KURUSU**



**RANMARU  
KOGUMA**

HE BARELY  
TALKS, SO  
HE'S HARD  
TO READ.

APPRECIATE  
IT.



**TSUKASA  
SHIPPON**

I'LL BE  
HONEST.  
THIS MUS-  
CLEHEAD  
IS DUMBER  
THAN ME.

I'LL  
PASS...

**JUST READ THIS SHORT SUMMARY AND YOU'RE GOOD TO GO!**

D has mimicked Hibiki and infiltrated the Ranger Force once more!

It will be all over for him if he's revealed to be a monster, but now he finds himself trapped between Sesera and a mysterious monster girl! Will he be able to survive this unscathed?!



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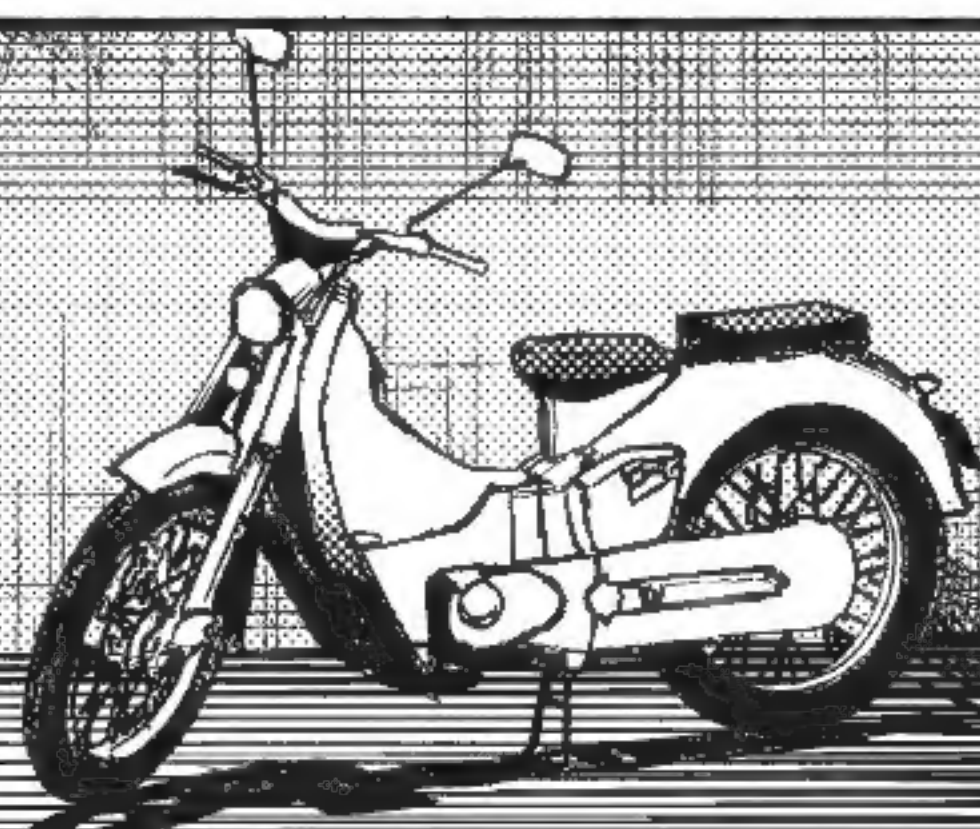
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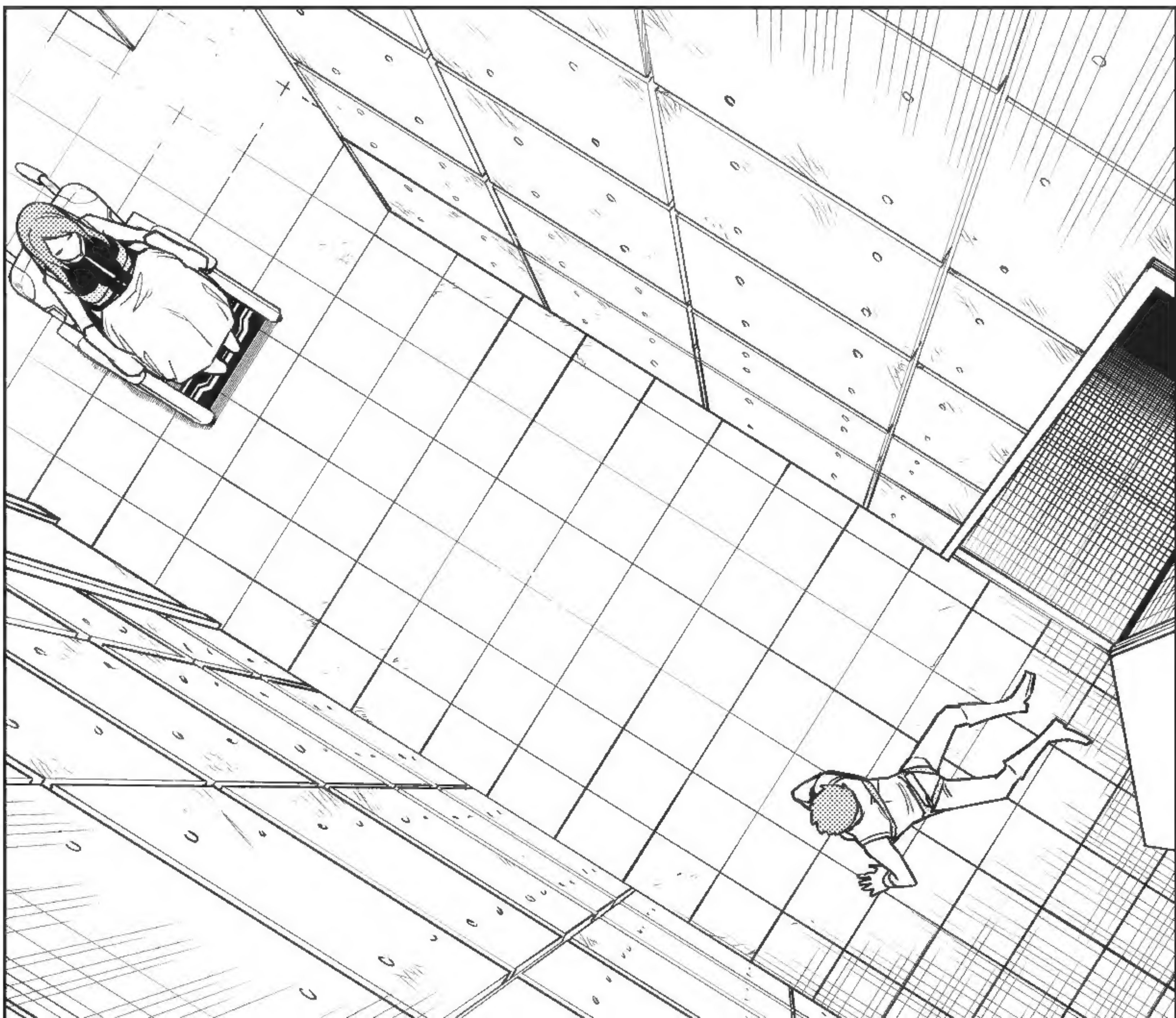
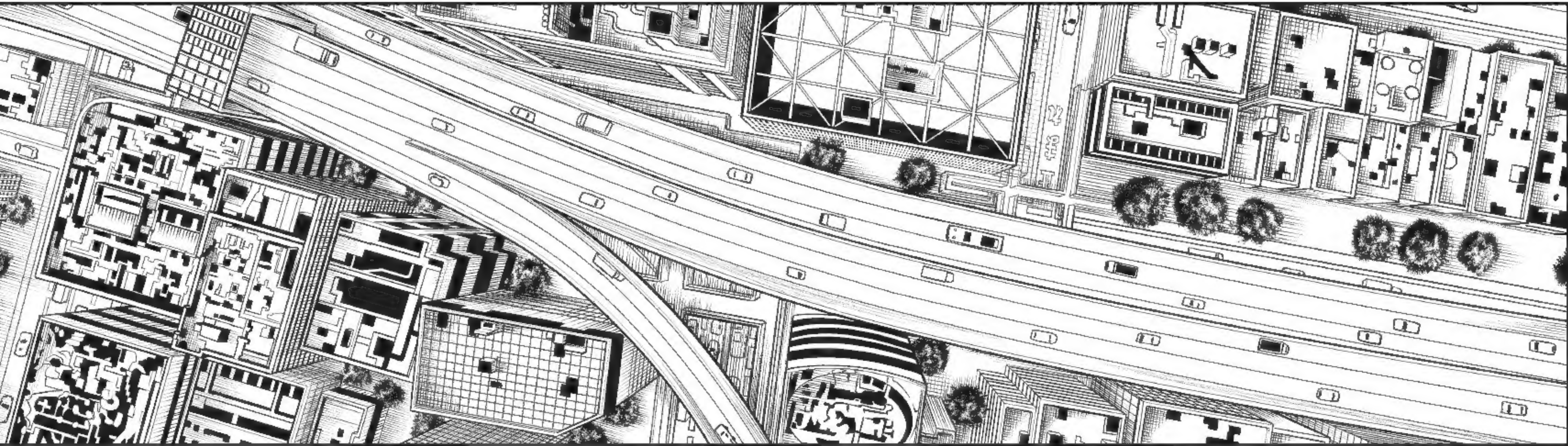
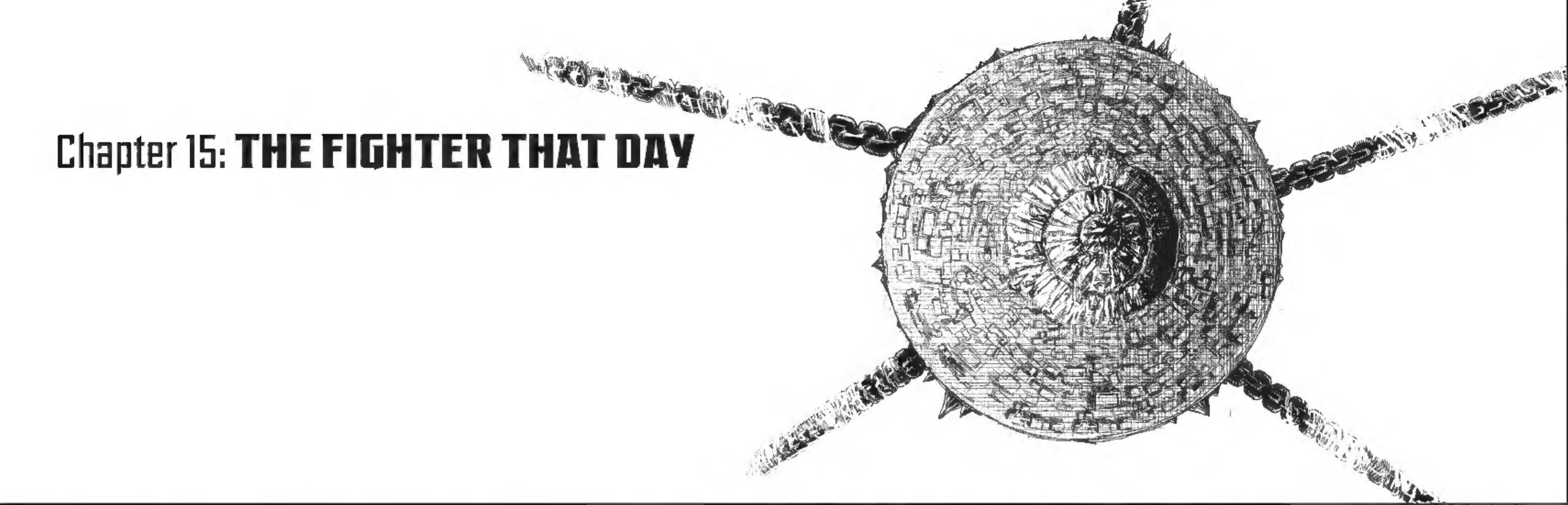
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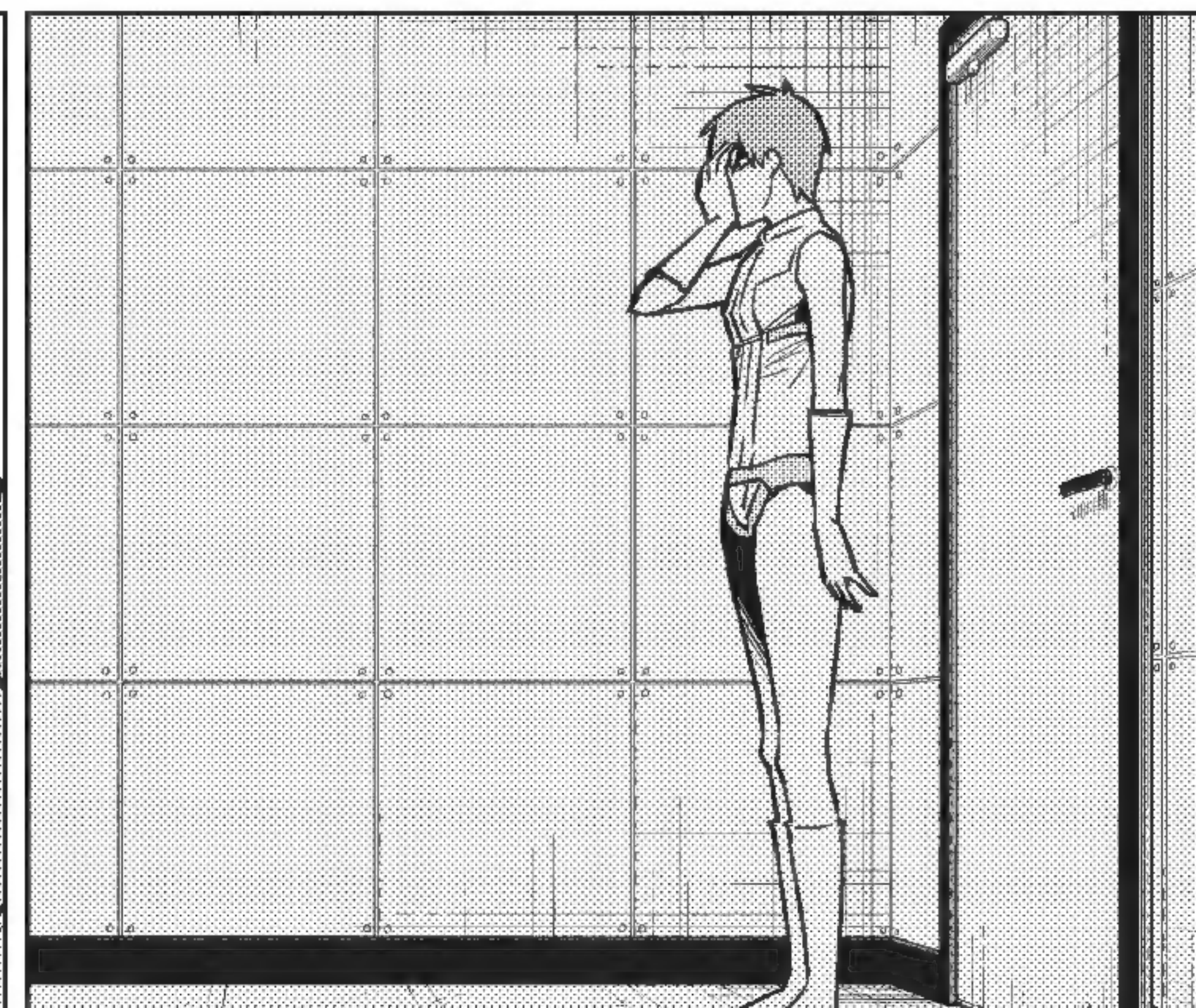
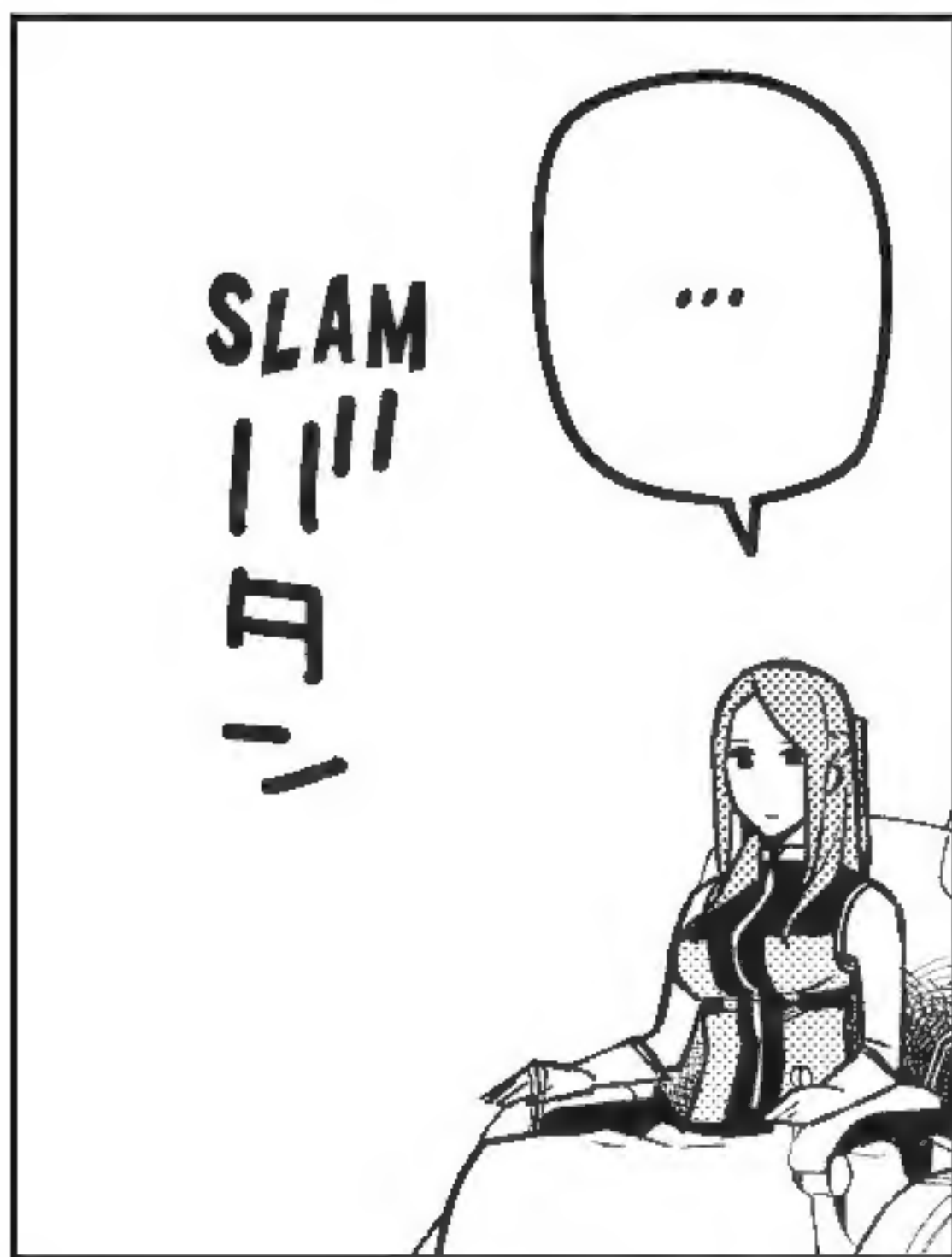
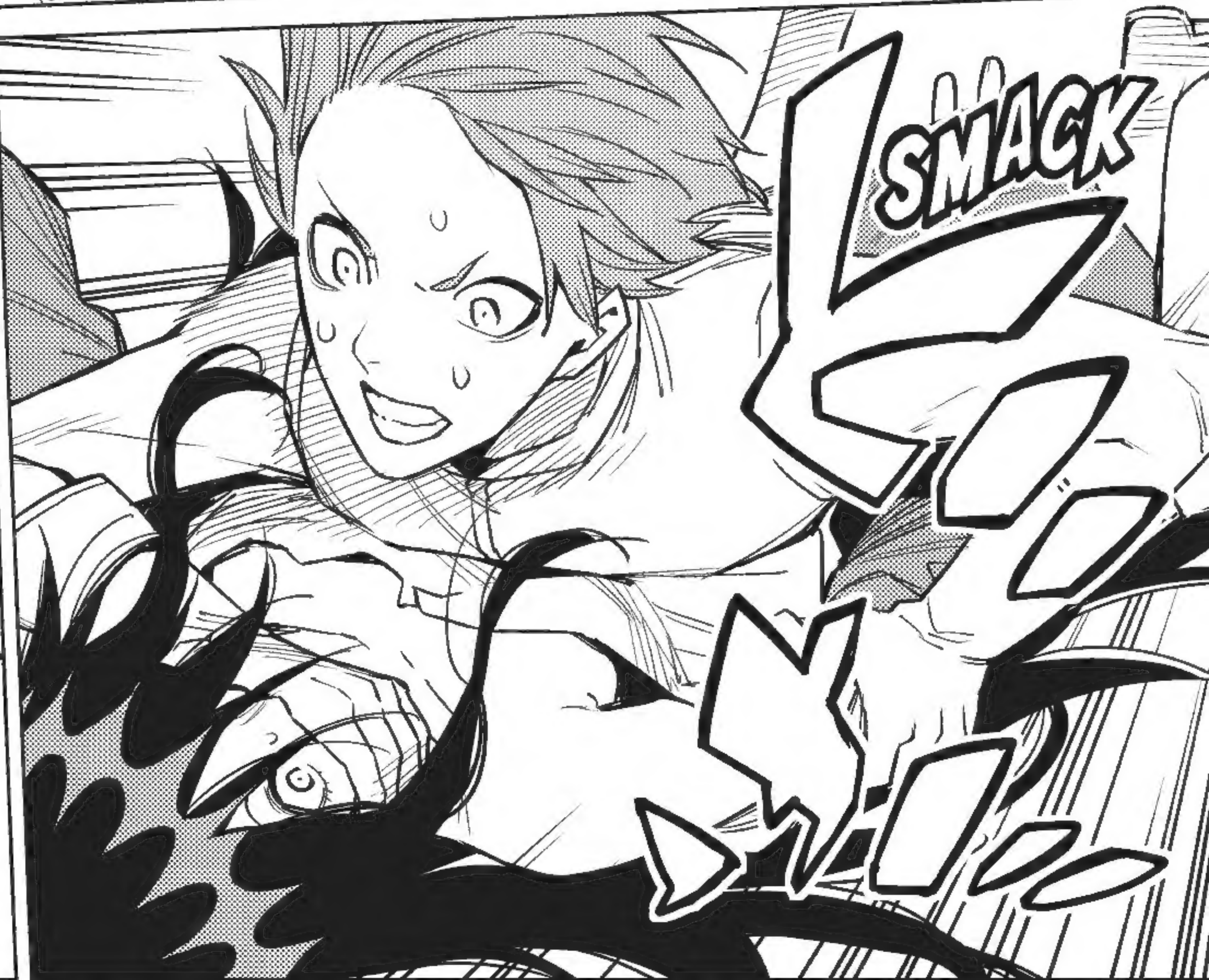
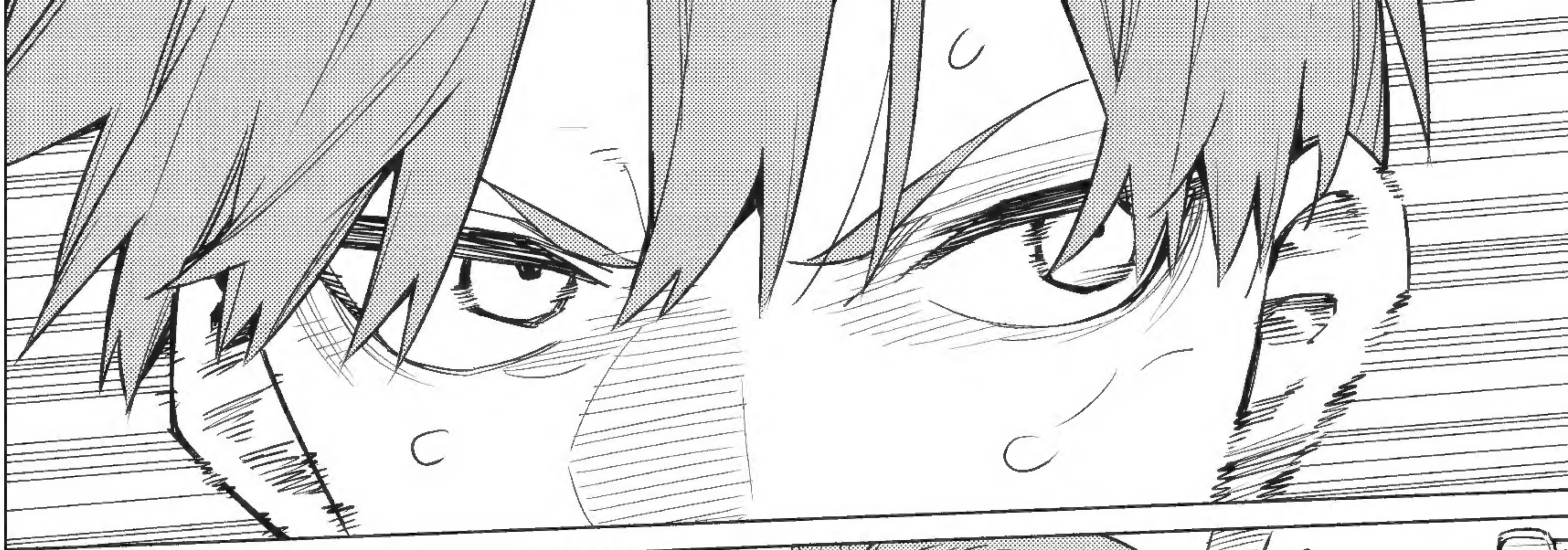




Chapter 15: **THE FIGHTER THAT DAY**











I'M A  
MONSTER...

...BUT  
YOU MUST  
HAVE HAD  
A CREEPING  
SUSPICION,  
RIGHT?

I'M SORRY  
I DIDN'T  
TELL YOU  
SOONER...



YOU-

YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
FORCE  
PEOPLE  
LIKE THIS.



WHAT'S  
GOTTEN  
INTO  
YOU...?

SO...  
IS THIS  
HOW YOU  
REALLY  
ARE...?



...DOES  
SAKURAMA  
HAVE WITH  
THIS GIRL...?

EXACTLY  
WHAT KIND  
OF RELATION-  
SHIP...

...?



I'M  
NOT HIBIKI  
SAKURAMA.









CAN I COME IN YET?

HIBIKI?



WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT...?

RESCUE HER...?

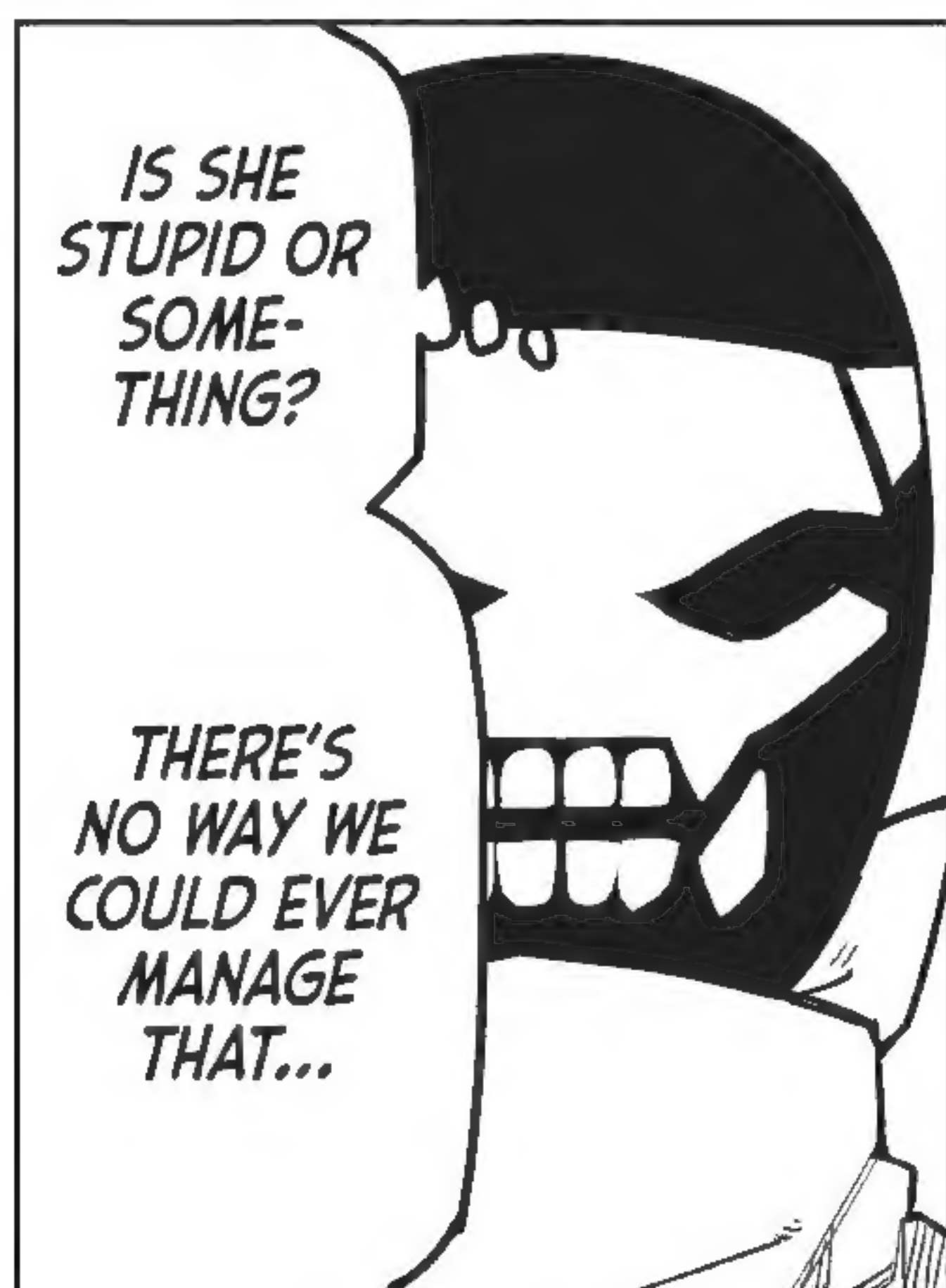
KNOCK KNOCK



BUT NOW I SEE.

YOU'VE COME TO RESCUE ME AT LAST.

...



IS SHE STUPID OR SOMETHING?

THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD EVER MANAGE THAT...



IT'S REASSURING TO HAVE AN ALLY.

WE'LL FINISH OFF THE RANGERS ONE AT A TIME.

IT'LL BE TWO ON ONE.



I SHALL DEFER TO YOU.

UNDERSTOOD, COMRADE.

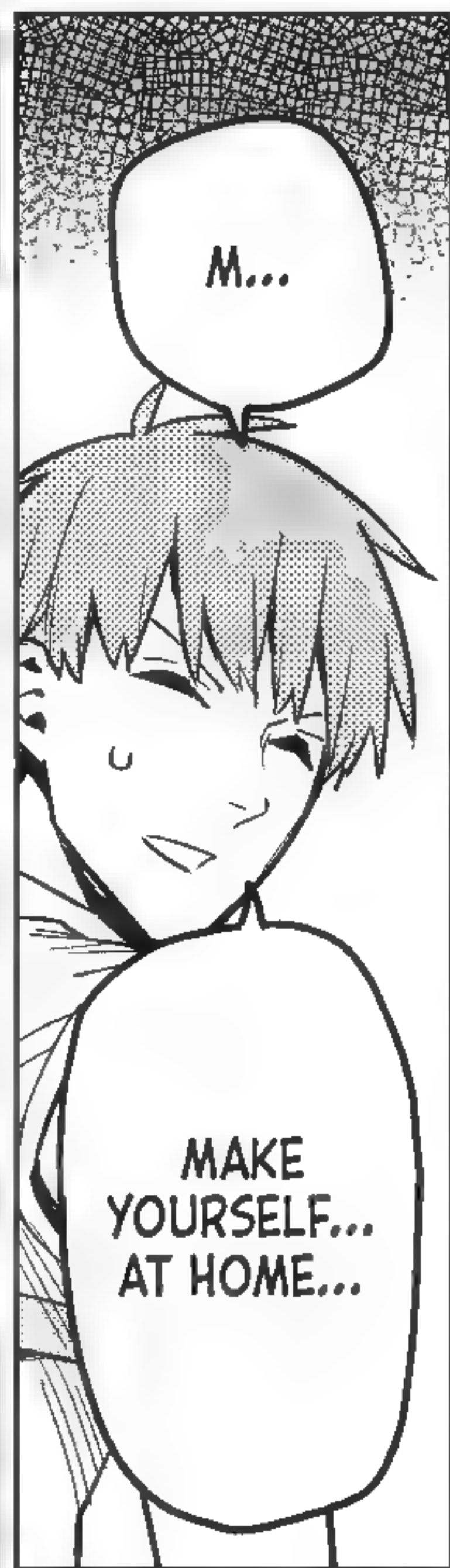
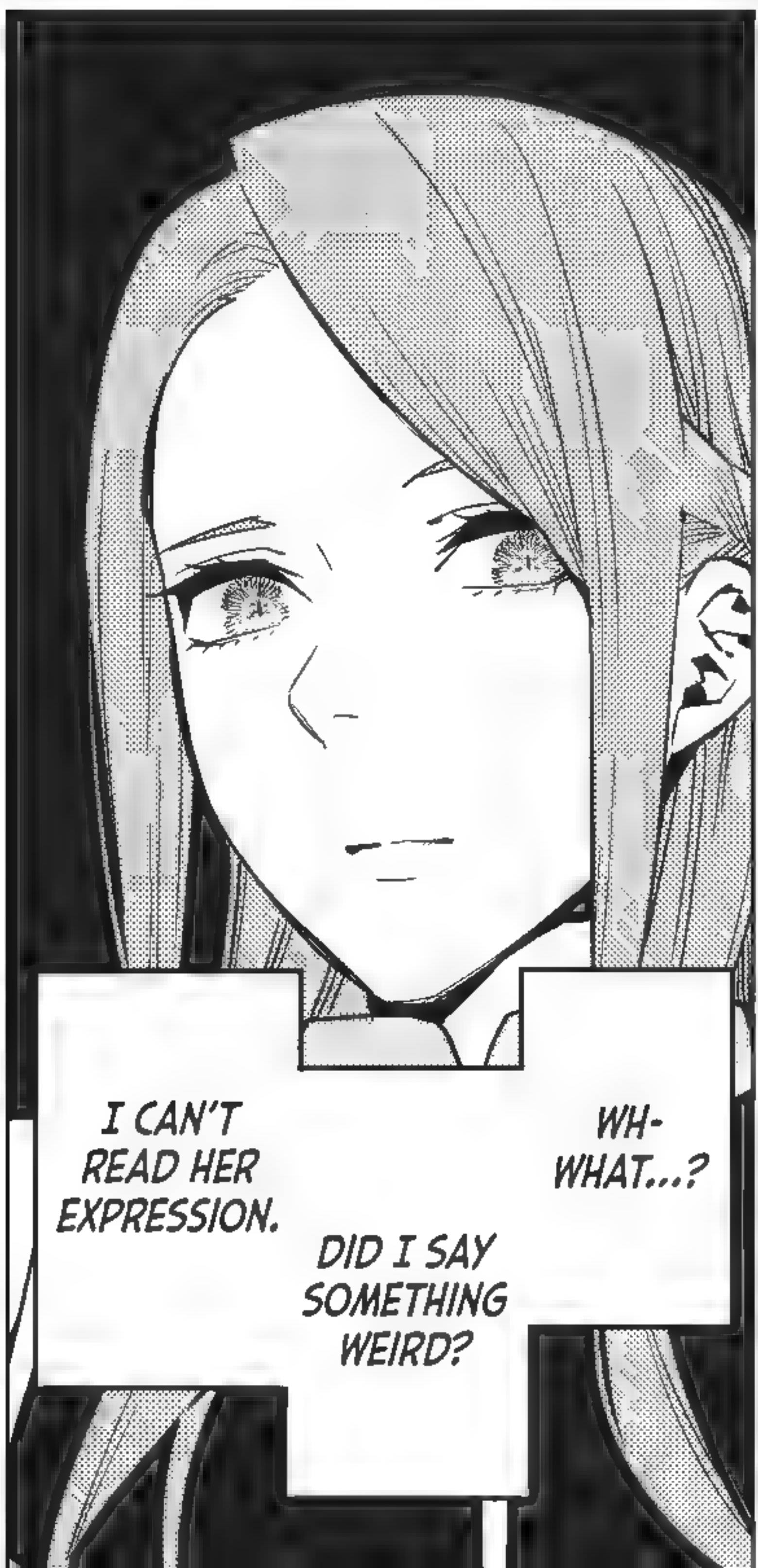
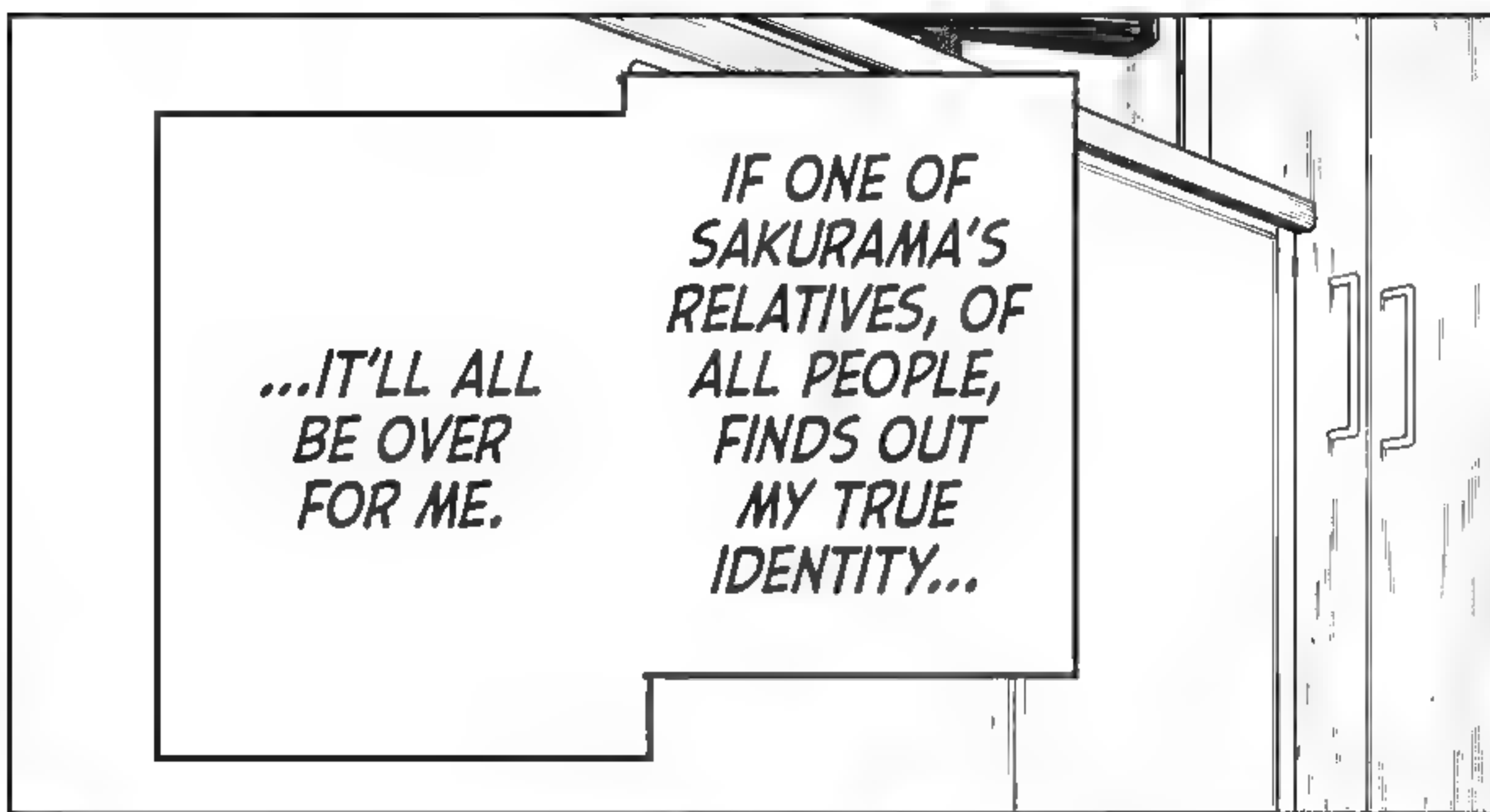
KREAK



I NEED YOU TO STAY HIDDEN UNTIL I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL.

NO, IT'S NOT TIME FOR THAT YET.









DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE IN A REAL FIGHT NOW?

NOT THAT FIGHTERS WOULD PUT UP MUCH OF A CHALLENGE.

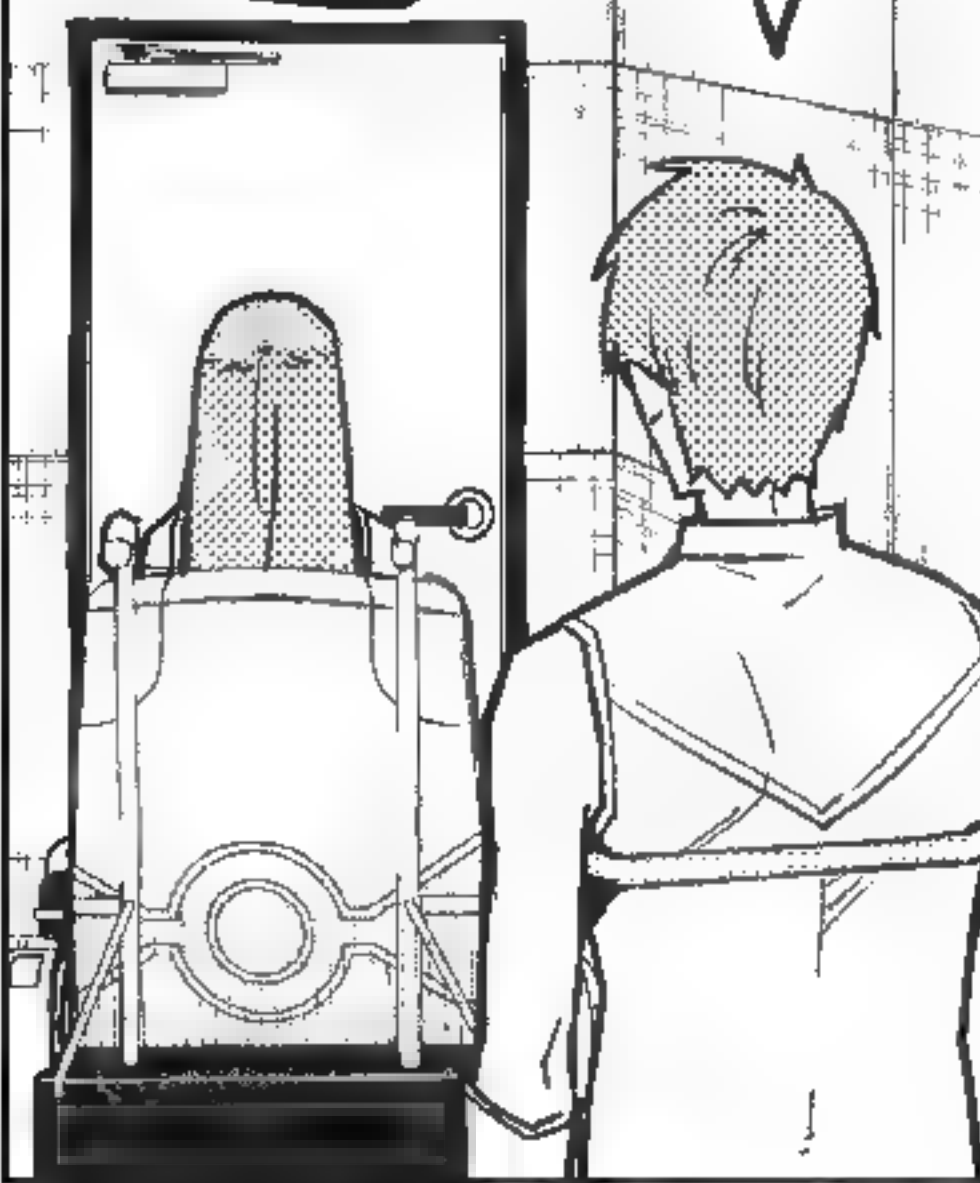
YEP... I BATTLED THOSE FIGHTERS.

I GUESS THE FINAL EXAM IS COMING UP.

HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SIMULATED BATTLE TRAINING?



OKAY, SEE YOU REALLY...? SOON...



THEY HAVE SOME IN THE CAFETERIA. LET'S GO TOGETHER.

I'LL GO BORROW ONE, THEN.

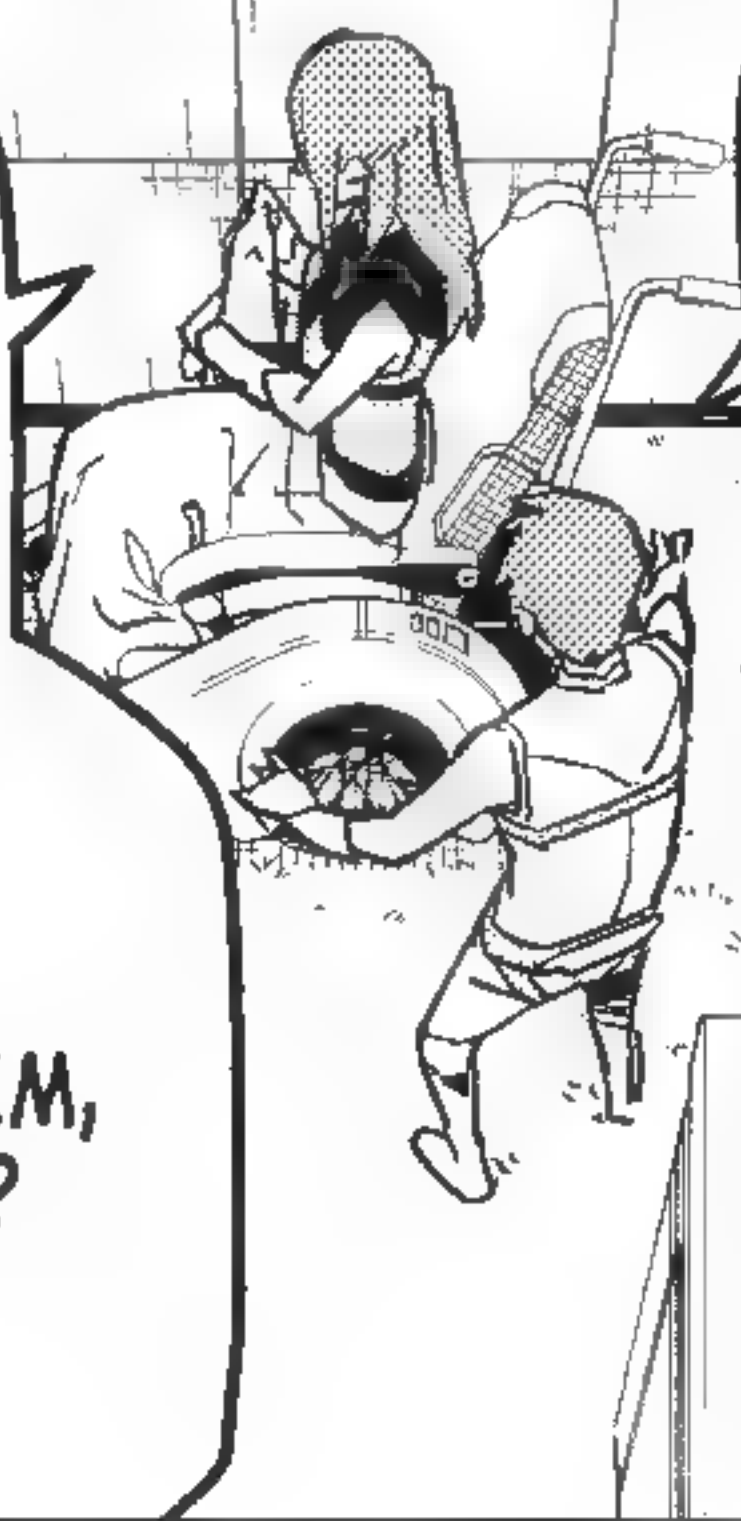
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ALONE, HIBIKI.

APPLES.

YOU LIKE THEM, RIGHT?

S-SORRY, SEEMS LIKE THE PIPES ARE ACTING UP...

WHAT'RE THOSE, SESERA?



OH! BUT I DON'T HAVE A KNIFE.

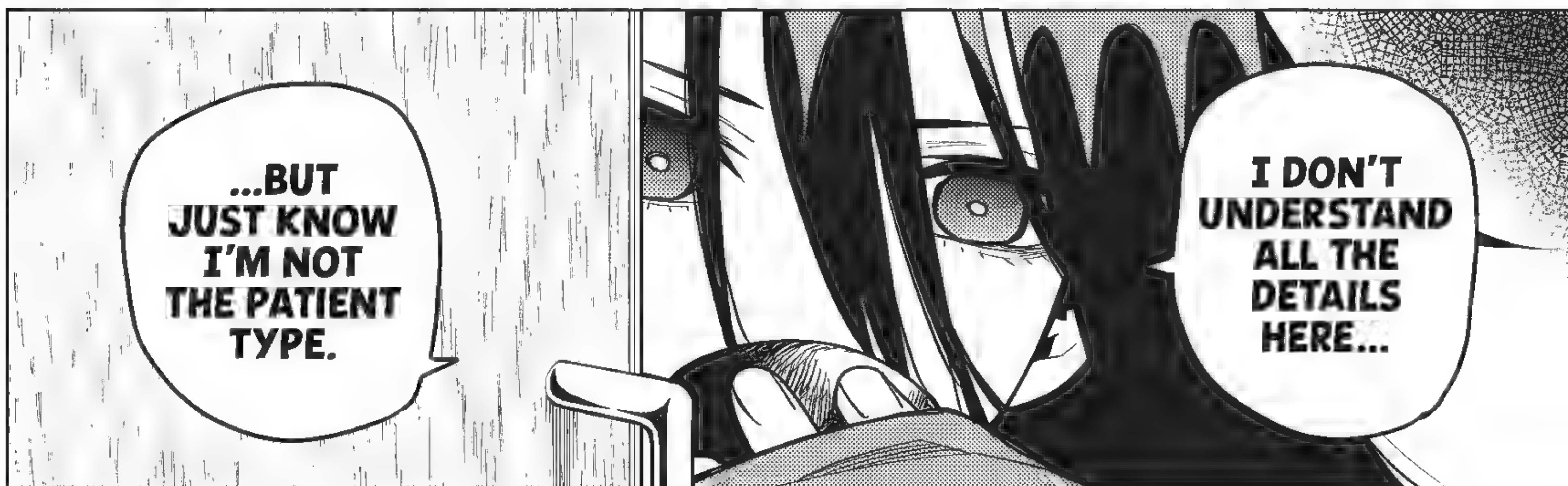
YEAH... I DO.



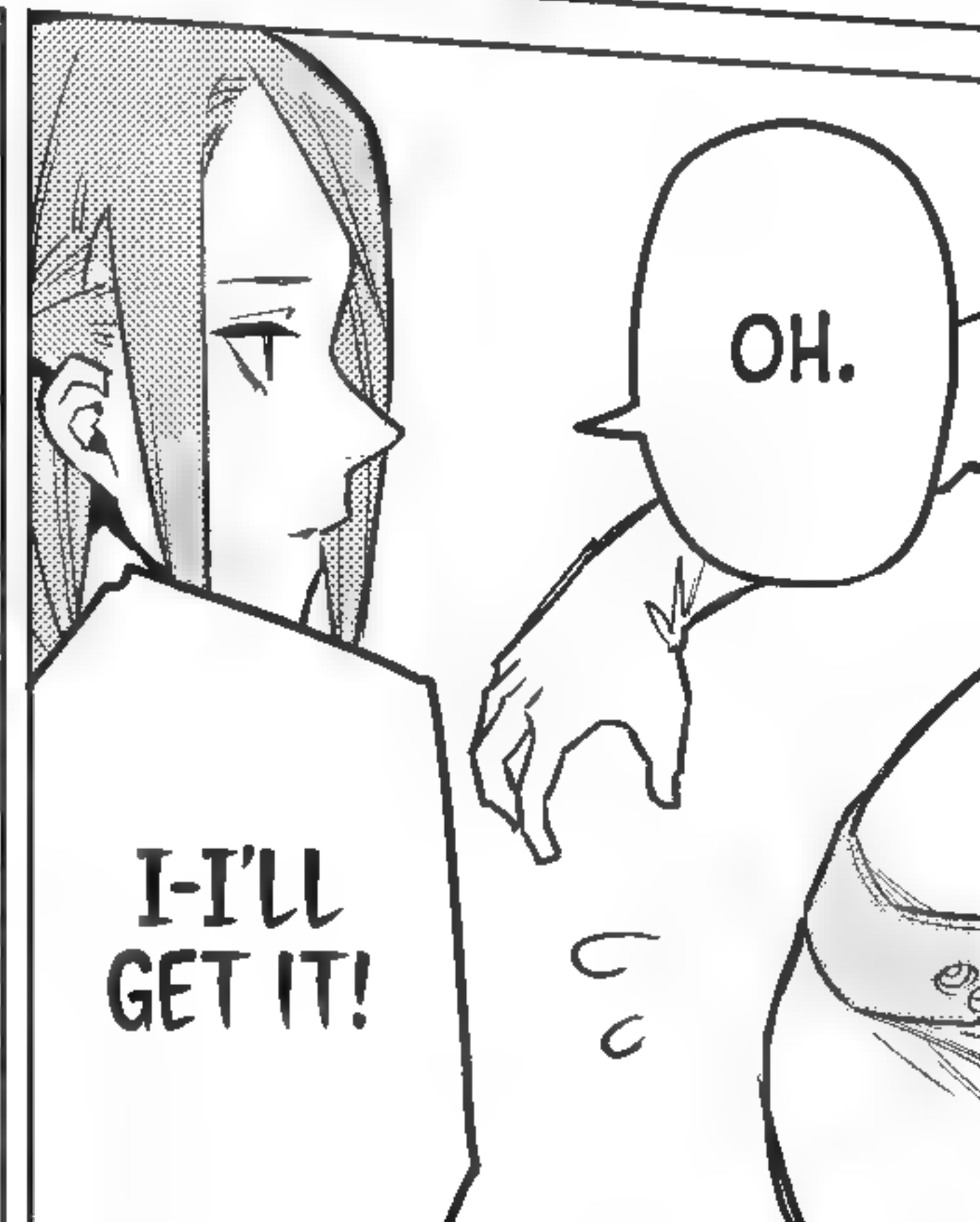
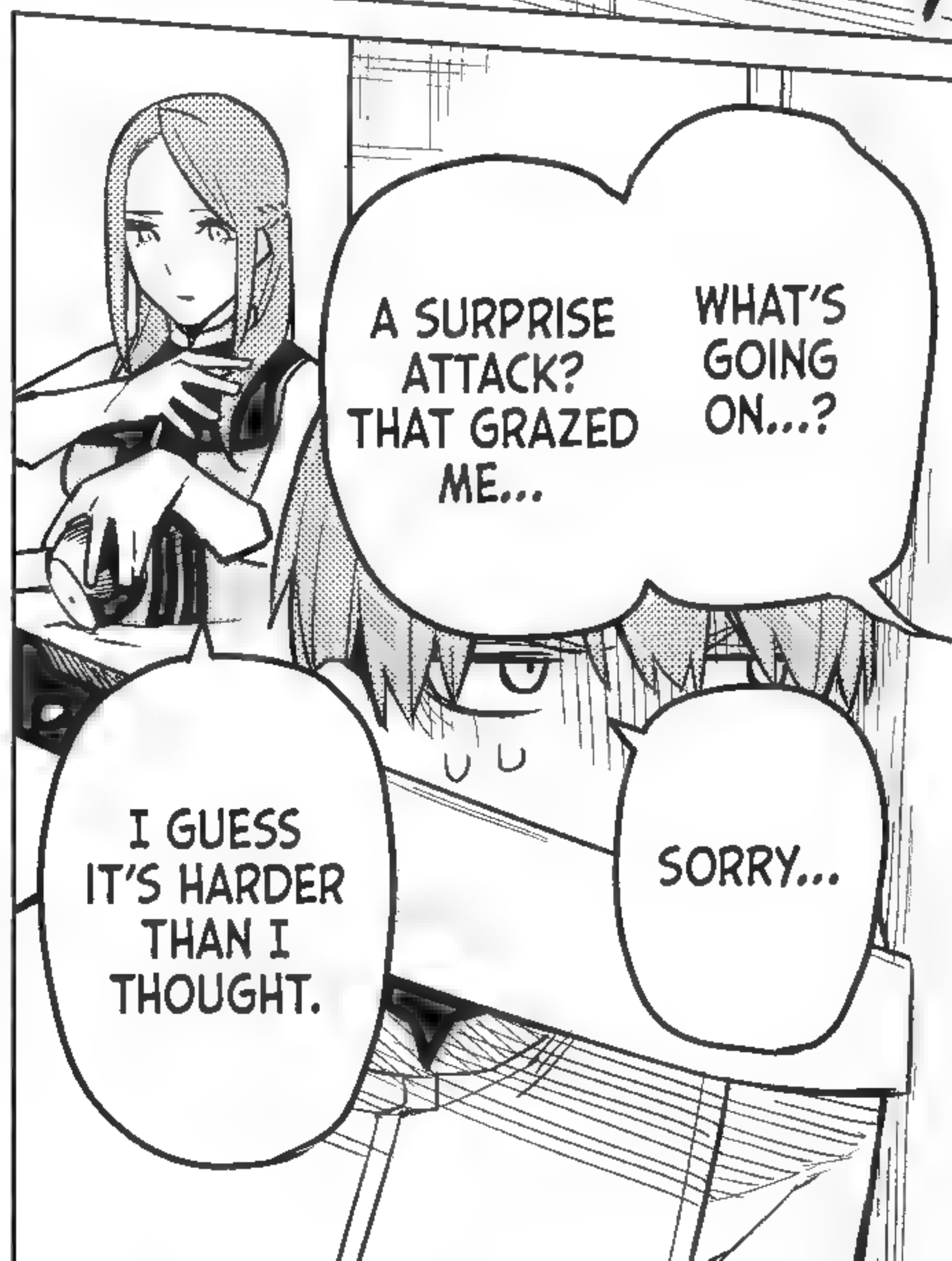
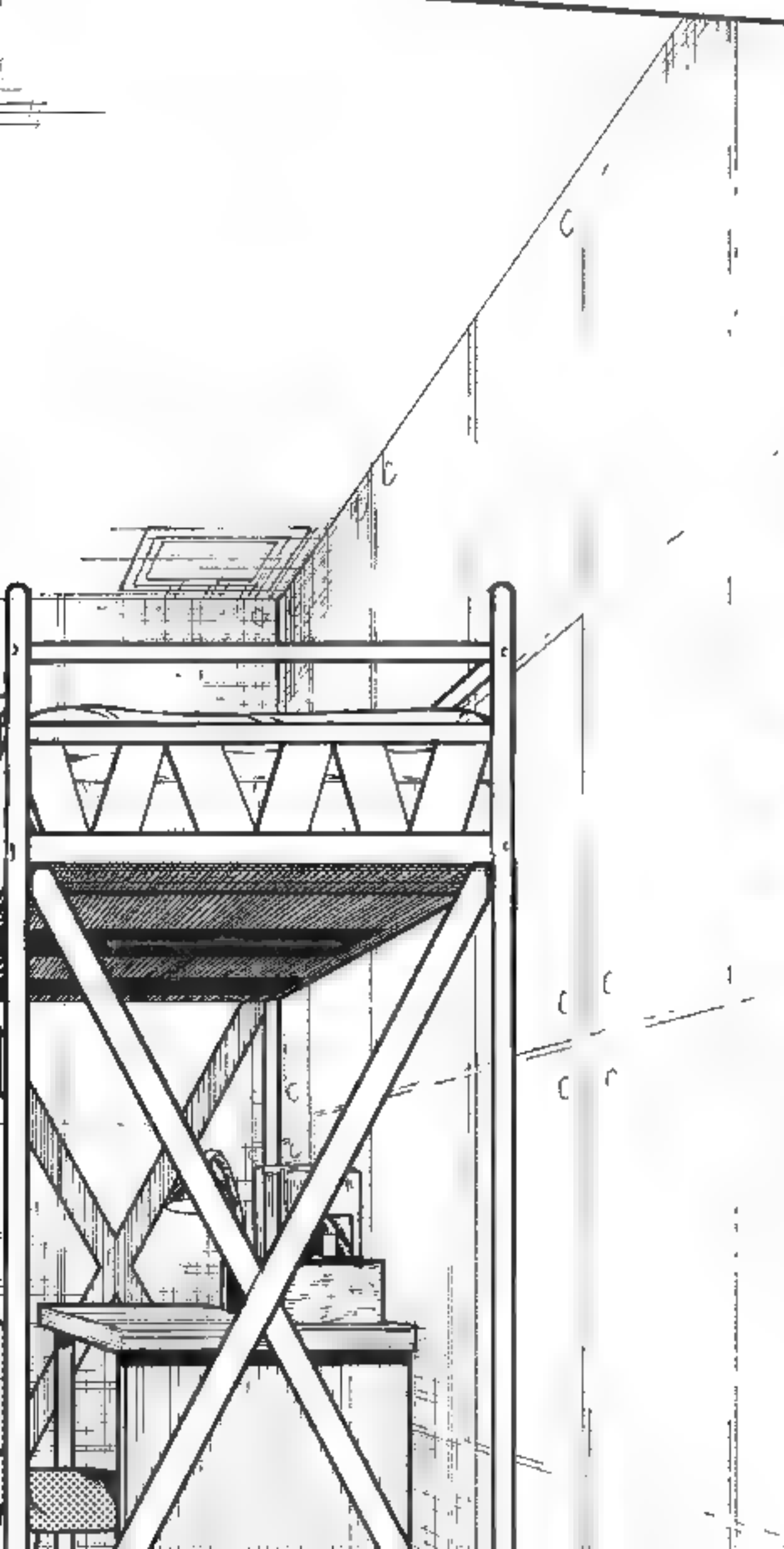
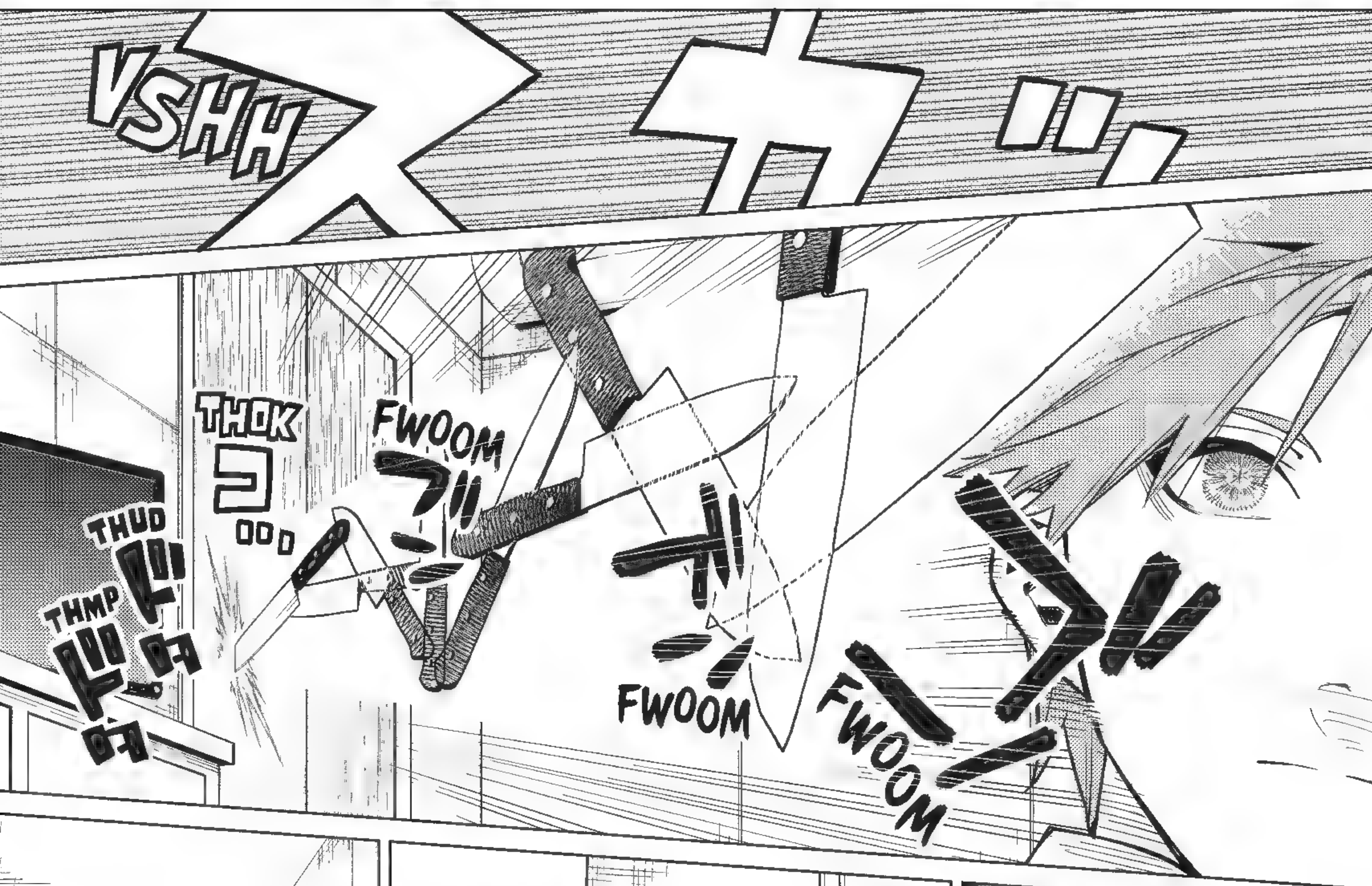
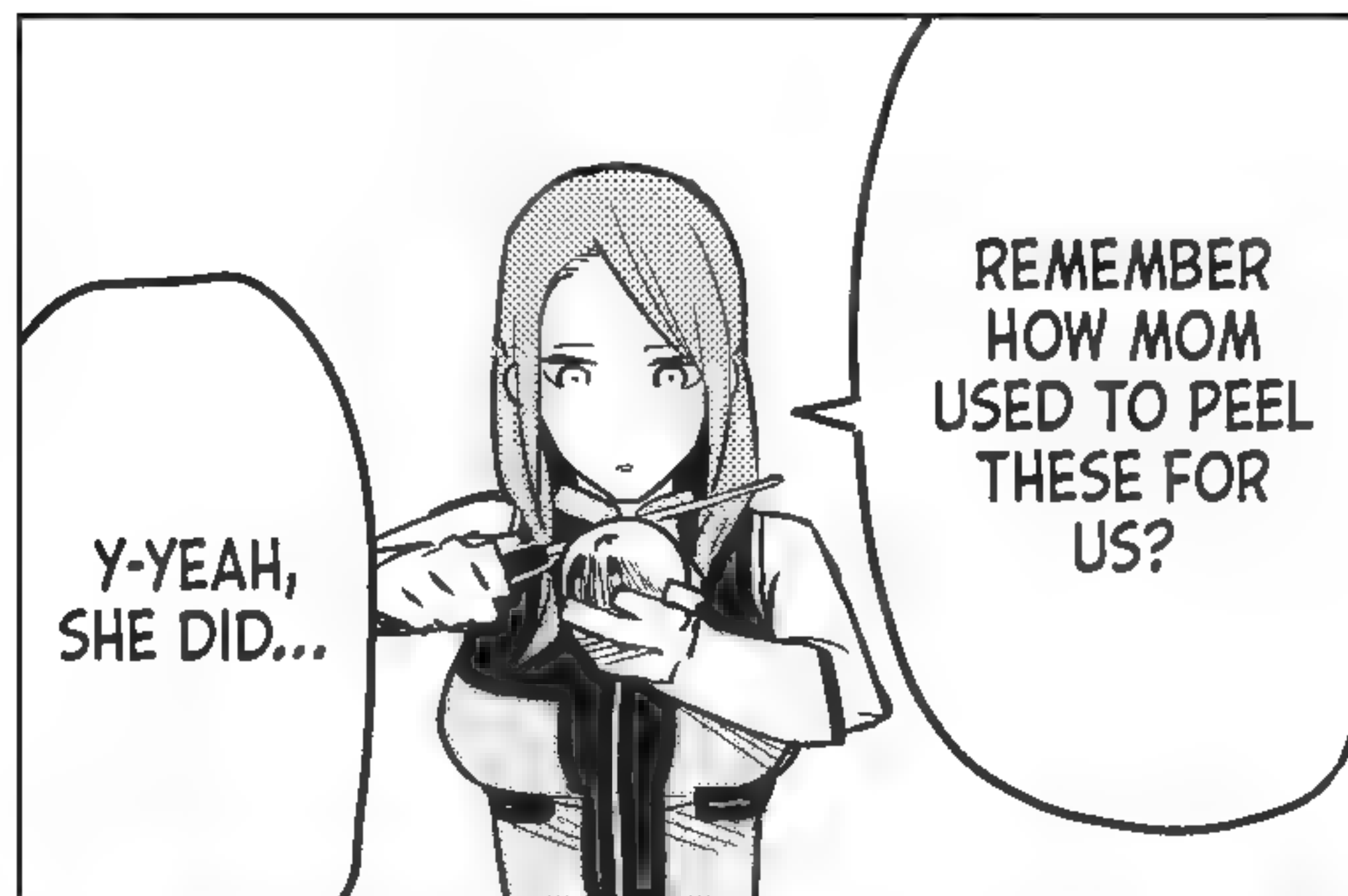
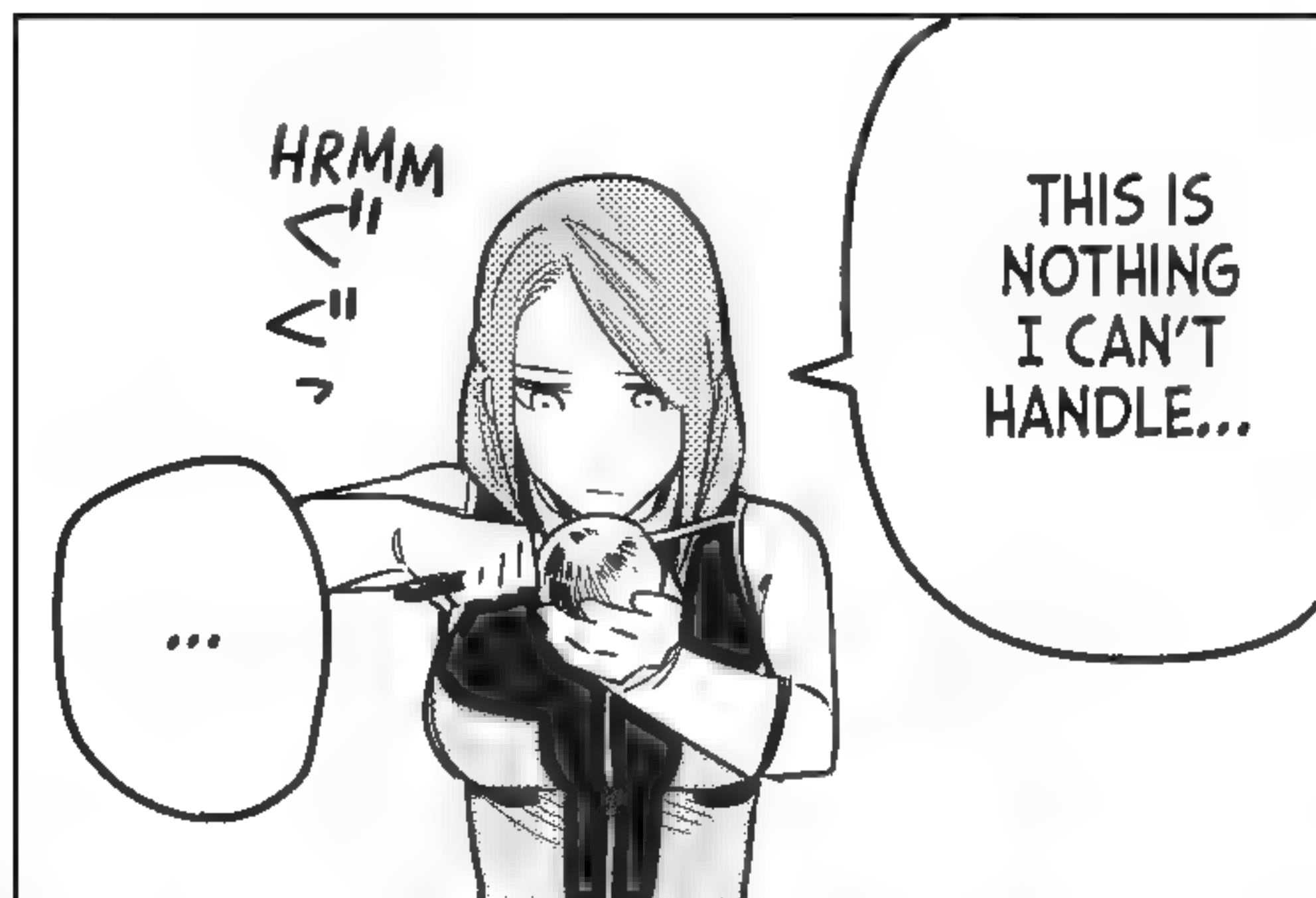
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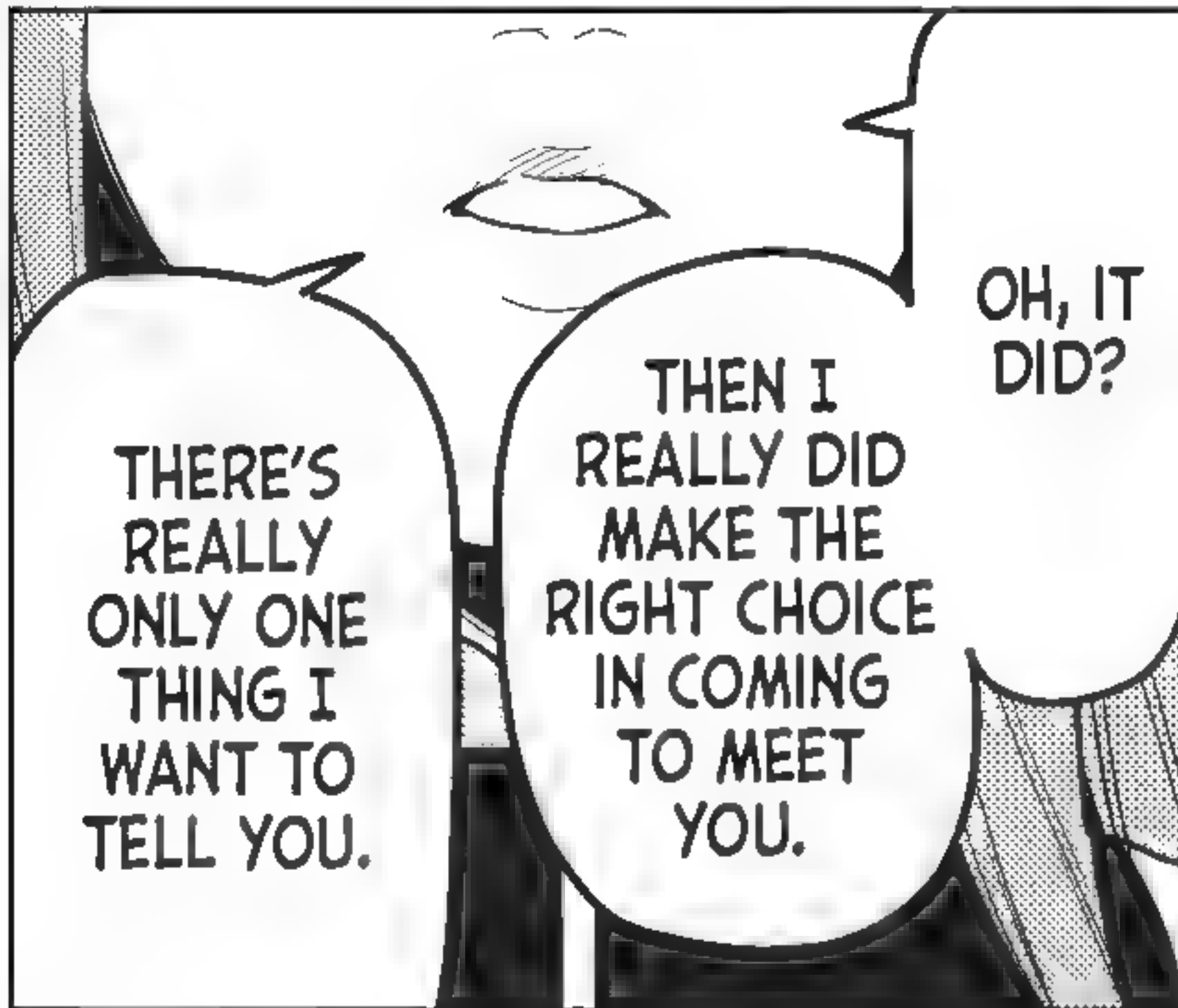




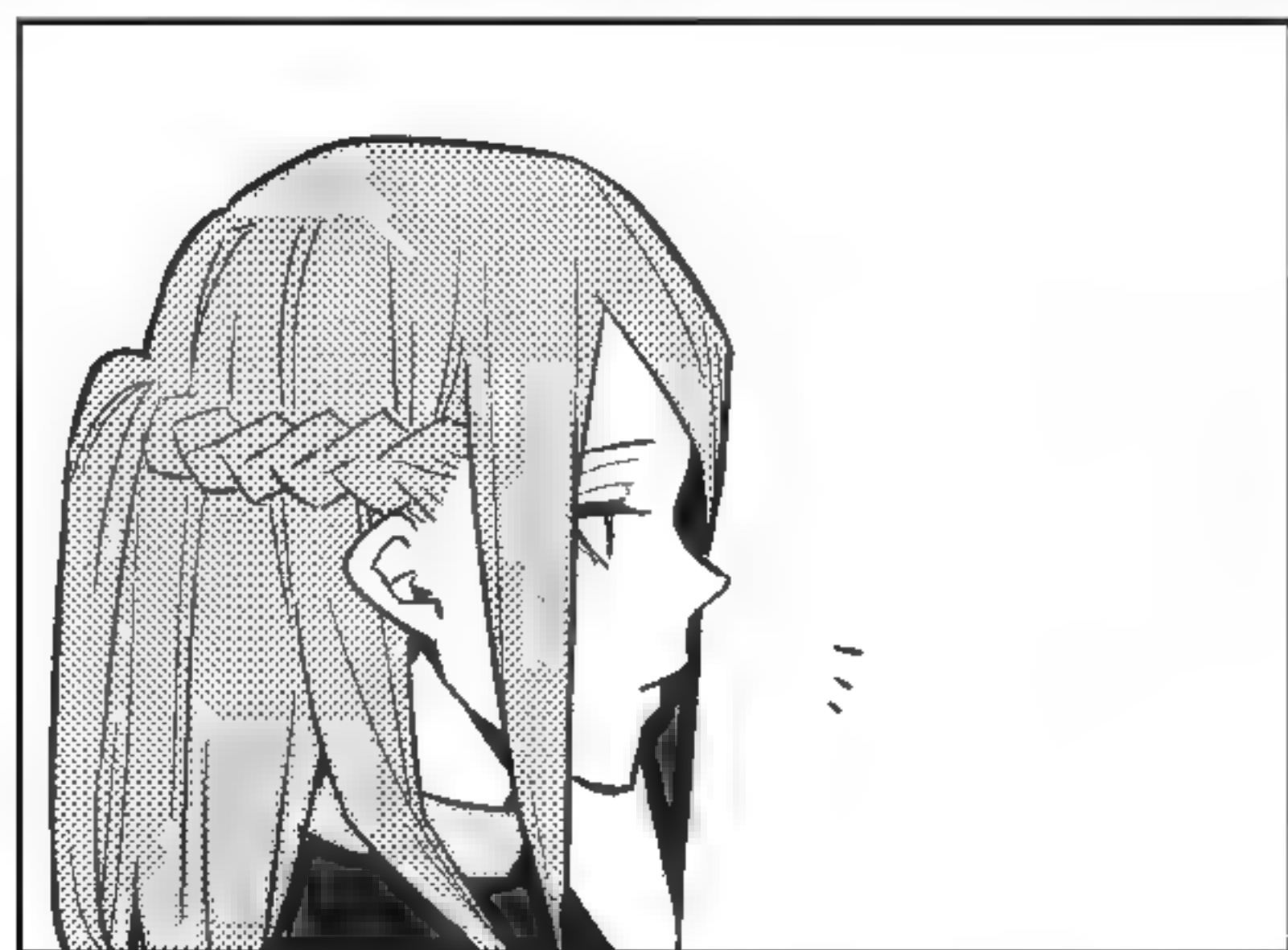
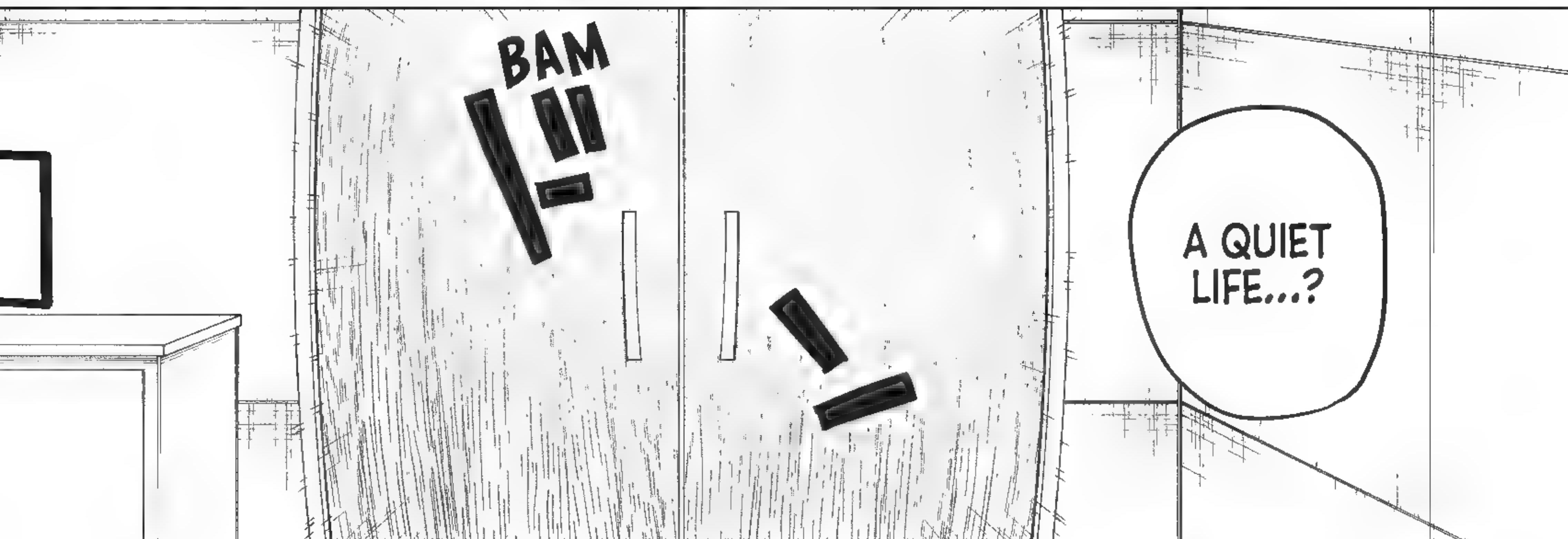
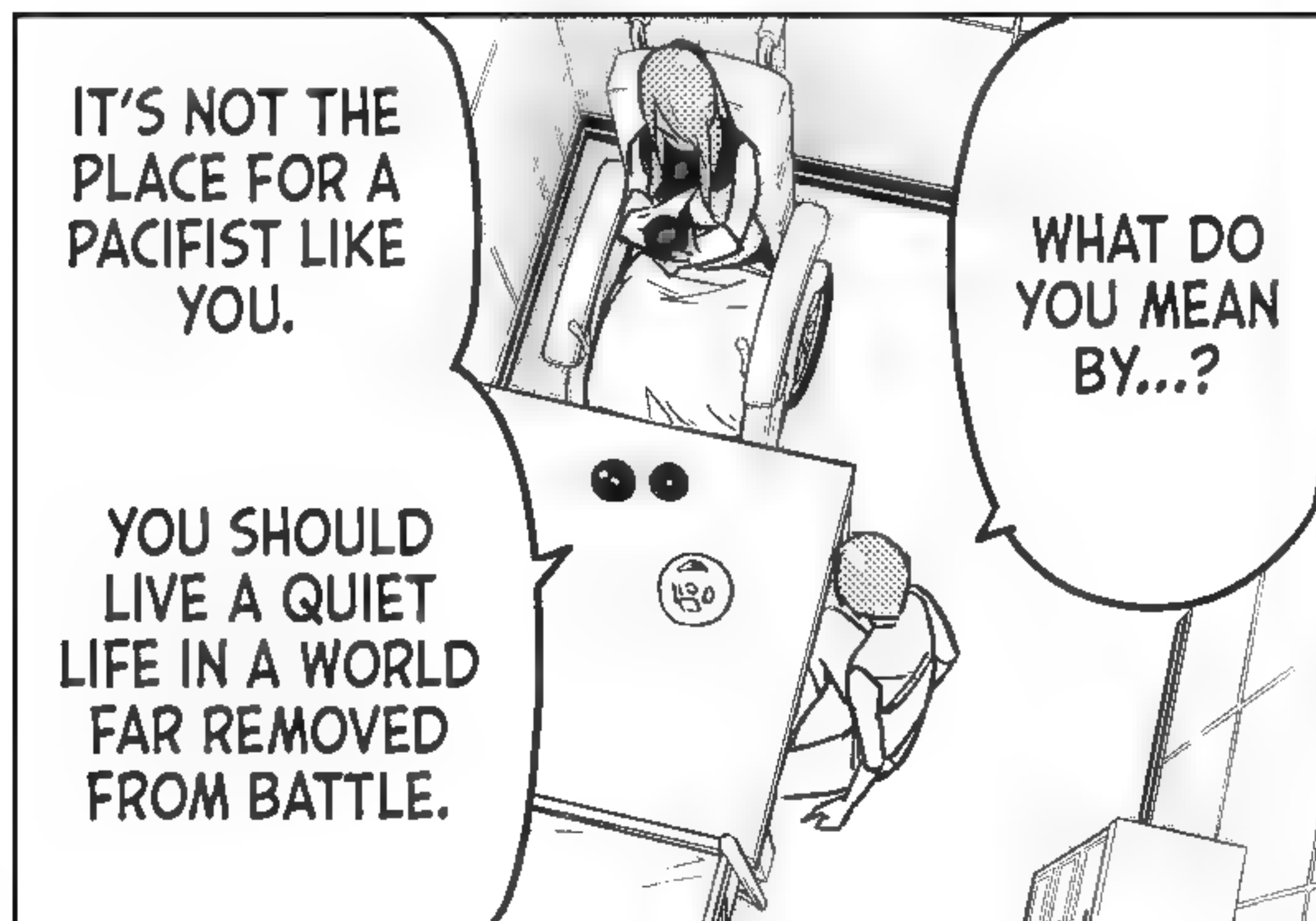








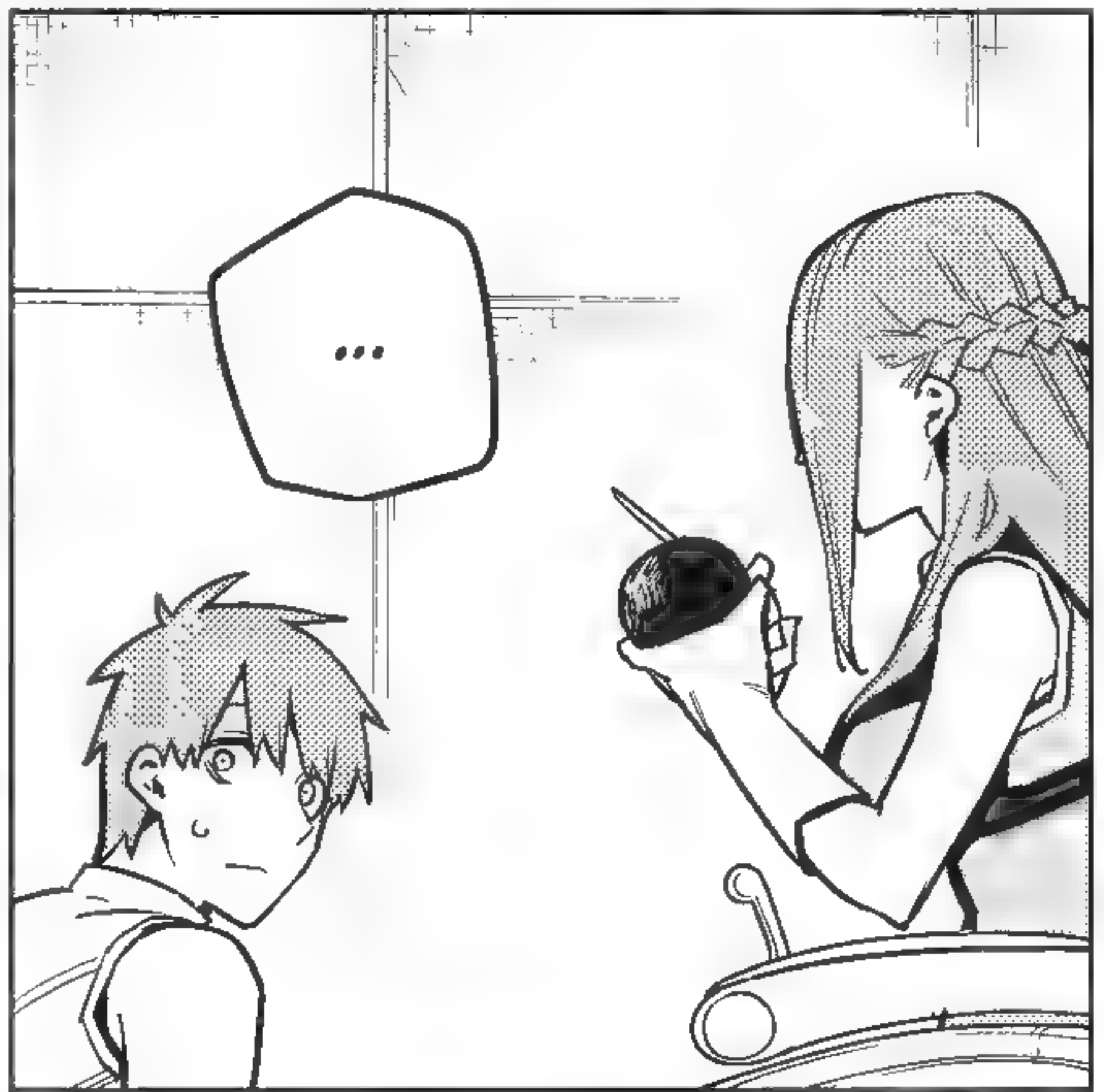
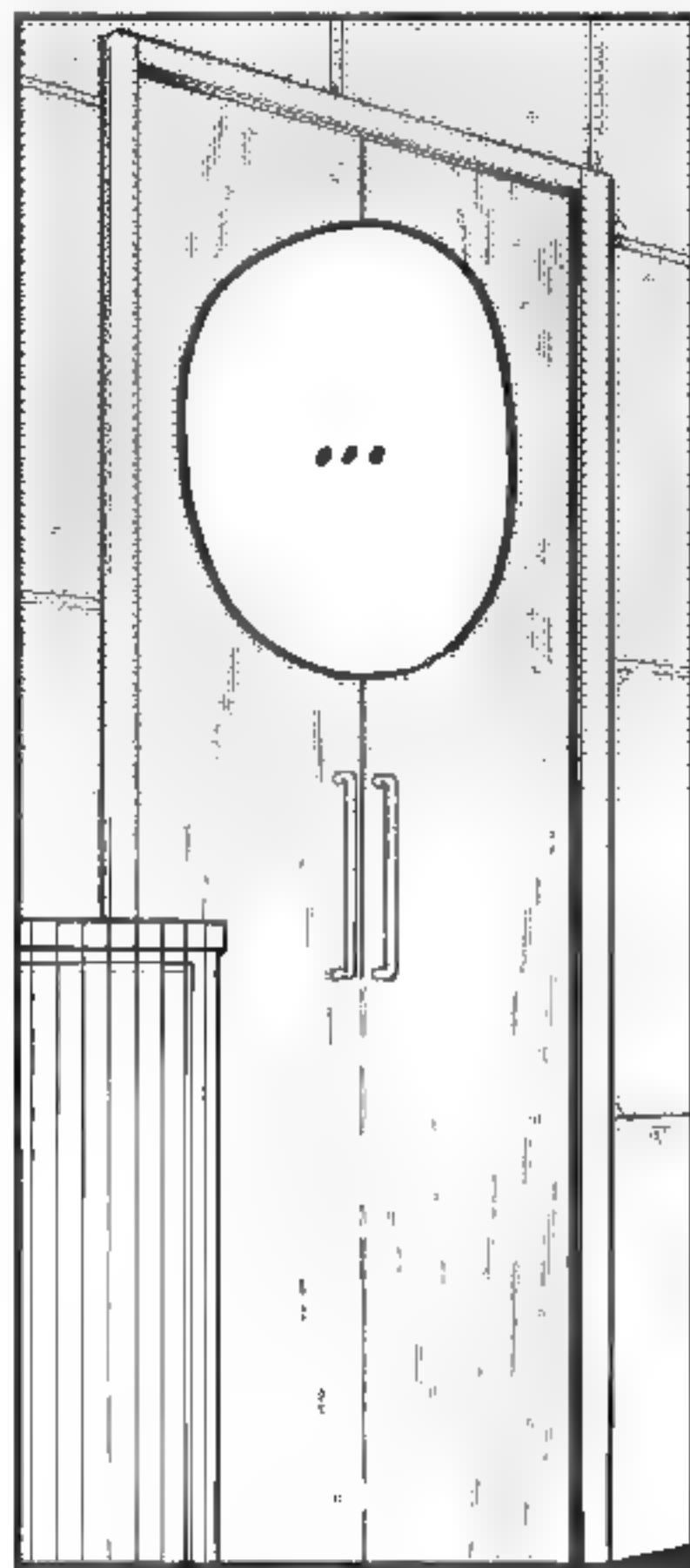








IT'S  
REALLY HER!  
SHE'S REALLY  
HERE!







SESERA.

JUST SO YOU  
KNOW, I'M  
NOT HIBIKI'S  
FRIEND...

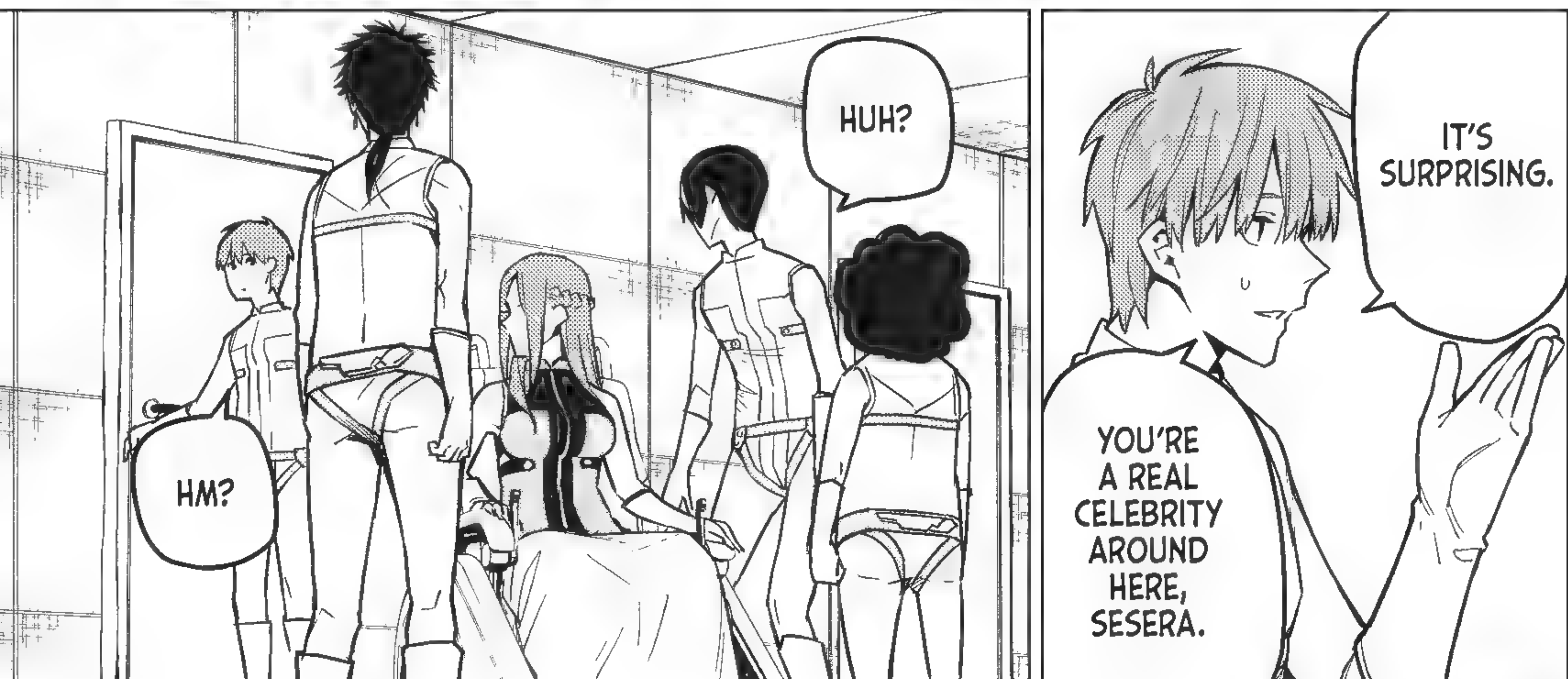
REALLY,  
GUYS...?

I'M  
HIS *BEST*  
FRIEND,  
YAMATO  
KURUSU.

...

YES.

WE ALL GET  
ALONG VERY  
WELL WITH  
HIBIKI-KUN.

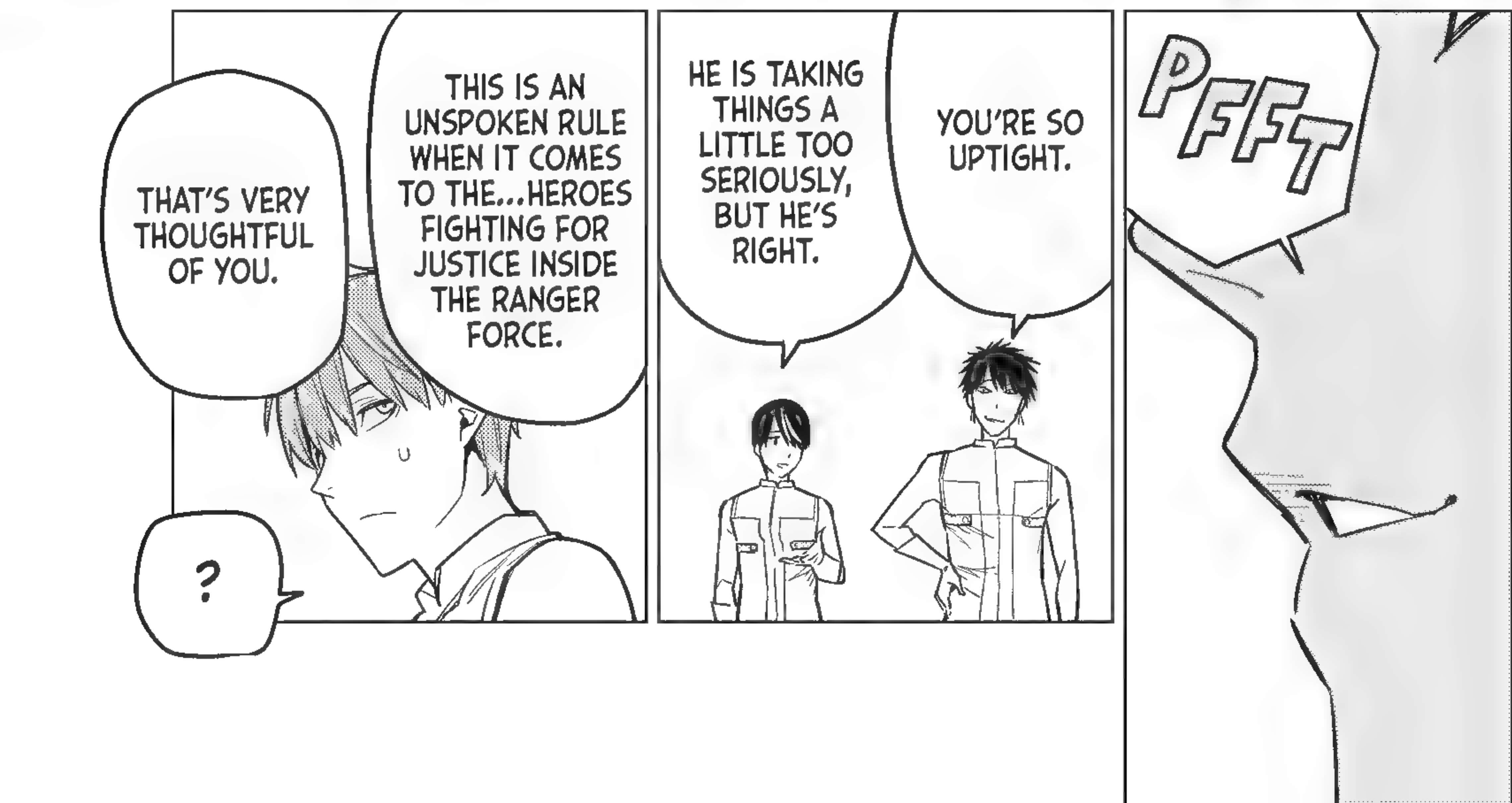


HUH?

HM?

IT'S  
SURPRISING.

YOU'RE  
A REAL  
CELEBRITY  
AROUND  
HERE,  
SESERA.



THAT'S VERY  
THOUGHTFUL  
OF YOU.

?

THIS IS AN  
UNSPOKEN RULE  
WHEN IT COMES  
TO THE...HEROES  
FIGHTING FOR  
JUSTICE INSIDE  
THE RANGER  
FORCE.

HE IS TAKING  
THINGS A  
LITTLE TOO  
SERIOUSLY,  
BUT HE'S  
RIGHT.

YOU'RE SO  
UPTIGHT.

PFFT





I SEE THEM  
A LOT, BUT I  
GUESS THEY  
AREN'T PART  
OF THE FIGHT.

THE PINK  
UNIT...

SO YOU  
CAN BE IN  
THE RANGER  
FORCE WITH  
LEGS LIKE  
THAT?



OHH.  
THE ROGUE  
MONSTER?

AND THE  
WAY THIS GUY  
HERE SNUCK  
OUT TO GET A  
HEAD START  
ON US.



WHAT ELSE?  
IT MUST  
BE WHAT  
HAPPENED  
YESTERDAY...

ANYWAY,  
WHAT BRINGS  
YOU HERE  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN?



IT'S A GOOD  
THING YOU  
MADE IT BACK  
UNHARMED.

YES, IT  
REALLY  
IS...



E-EVEN  
REGULAR  
FIGHTERS  
ARE SCARY,  
YOU KNOW!

THEY'RE  
ABSOLUTELY  
A THREAT TO  
HUMANITY!

KEEP IT  
DOWN, YOU  
IDIOT...!

DON'T  
RILE HER  
UP EVEN  
MORE!



I'M  
SURE IT'S  
DIFFERENT  
FROM OUR  
SIMULATED  
BATTLES.

MAYBE TO  
A COWARD  
LIKE YOU.

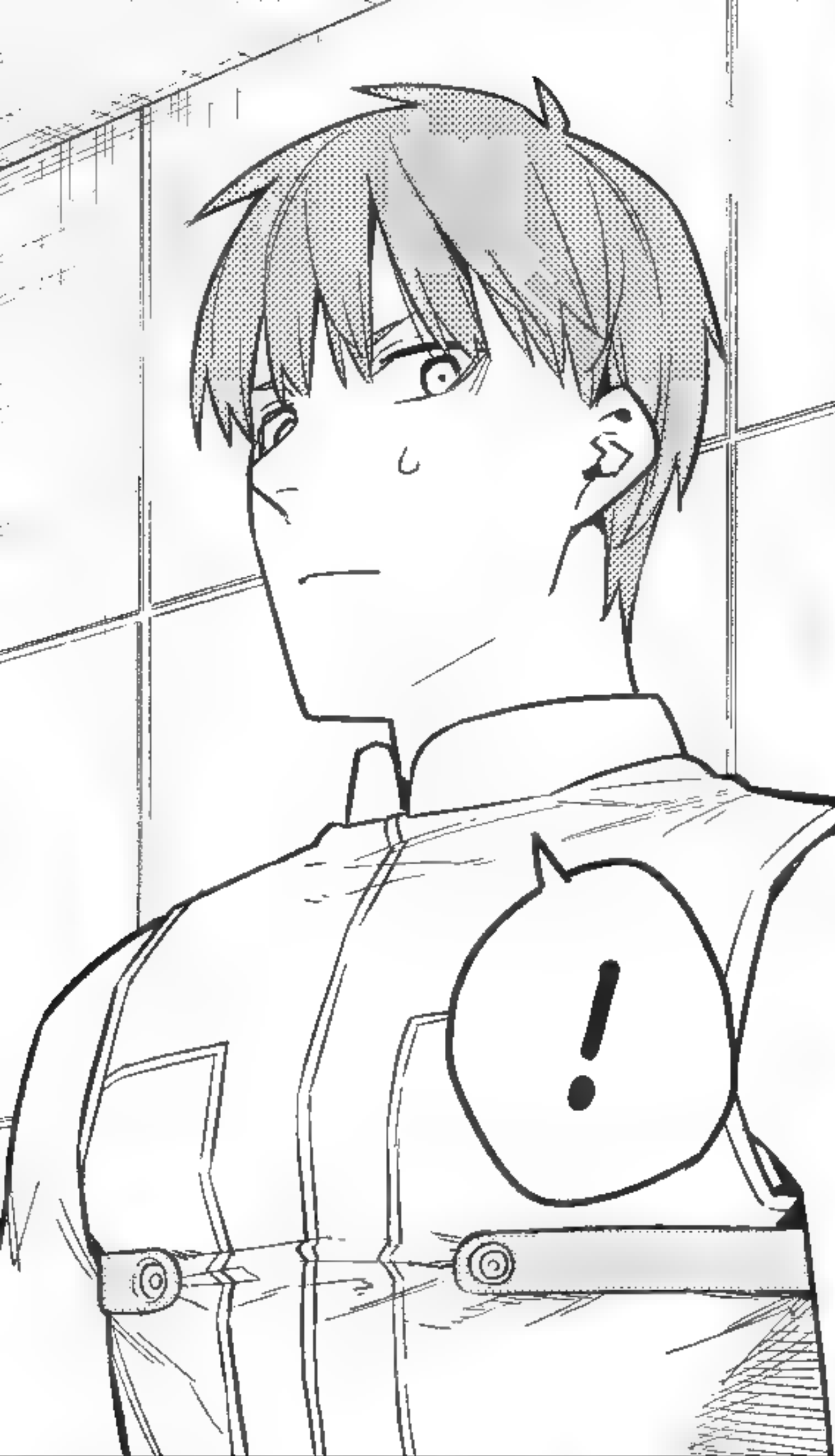


I'D DECIDED  
THAT I'D BE  
THE FIRST ONE  
TO TAKE DOWN  
A MONSTER!

DAMMIT!

!





I'M GLAD  
YOU'RE  
ALRIGHT.

IF SHE KNEW  
ABOUT WHAT  
SAKURAMA  
REALLY DID...

SO SHE'S  
CAPABLE OF  
EXPRESSIONS  
LIKE THIS.

IT DOESN'T  
SEEM LIKE  
SHE'S SEEN  
THROUGH MY  
DISGUISE.

I PROMISE  
YOU I'M EARNING  
MYSELF A COLOR!  
JUST YOU WAIT!

I'M NOT  
SCARED OF ANY  
MONSTERS!







W-WELL,  
THAT'S NOT  
THE ONLY JOB  
THE RANGER  
FORCE HAS...



THEN WE CAN  
BEAT THE CRAP  
OUT OF THOSE  
LAME-ASS  
MONSTERS  
TOGETHER!



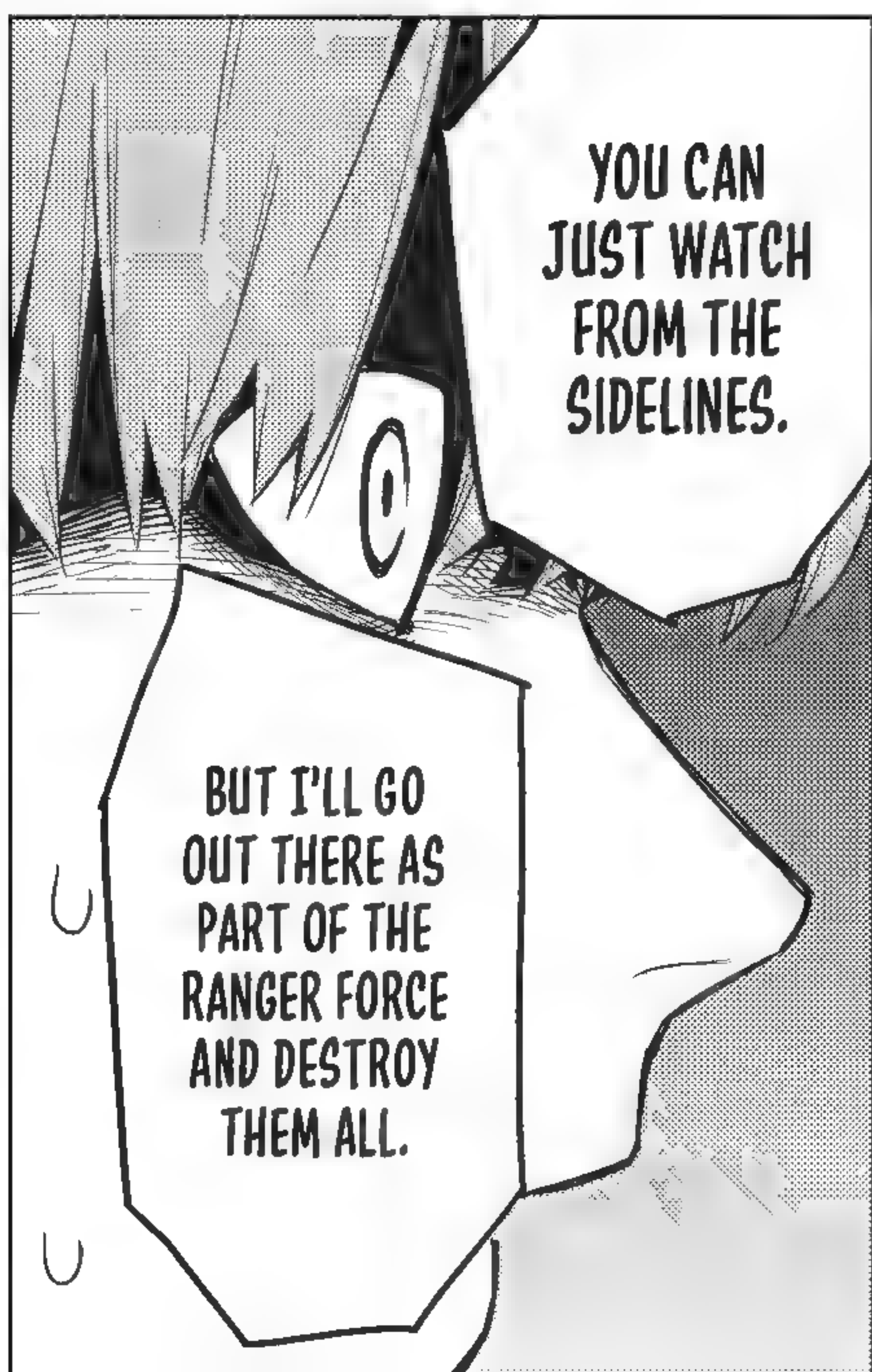
WELL,  
IT DOES ACT  
AS A TOURIST  
DESTINATION  
AS WELL...



IT EVEN  
MESSES  
WITH THE  
SUNLIGHT WE  
DESERVE!

BUT I CAN'T  
STAND THAT  
BIG, STUPID  
FORTRESS  
LINGERING  
OVER OUR  
HEADS.

YOU KNOW,  
THE PUBLIC  
MIGHT'VE  
GOTTEN USED  
TO IT BY  
NOW...



YOU CAN  
JUST WATCH  
FROM THE  
SIDELINES.

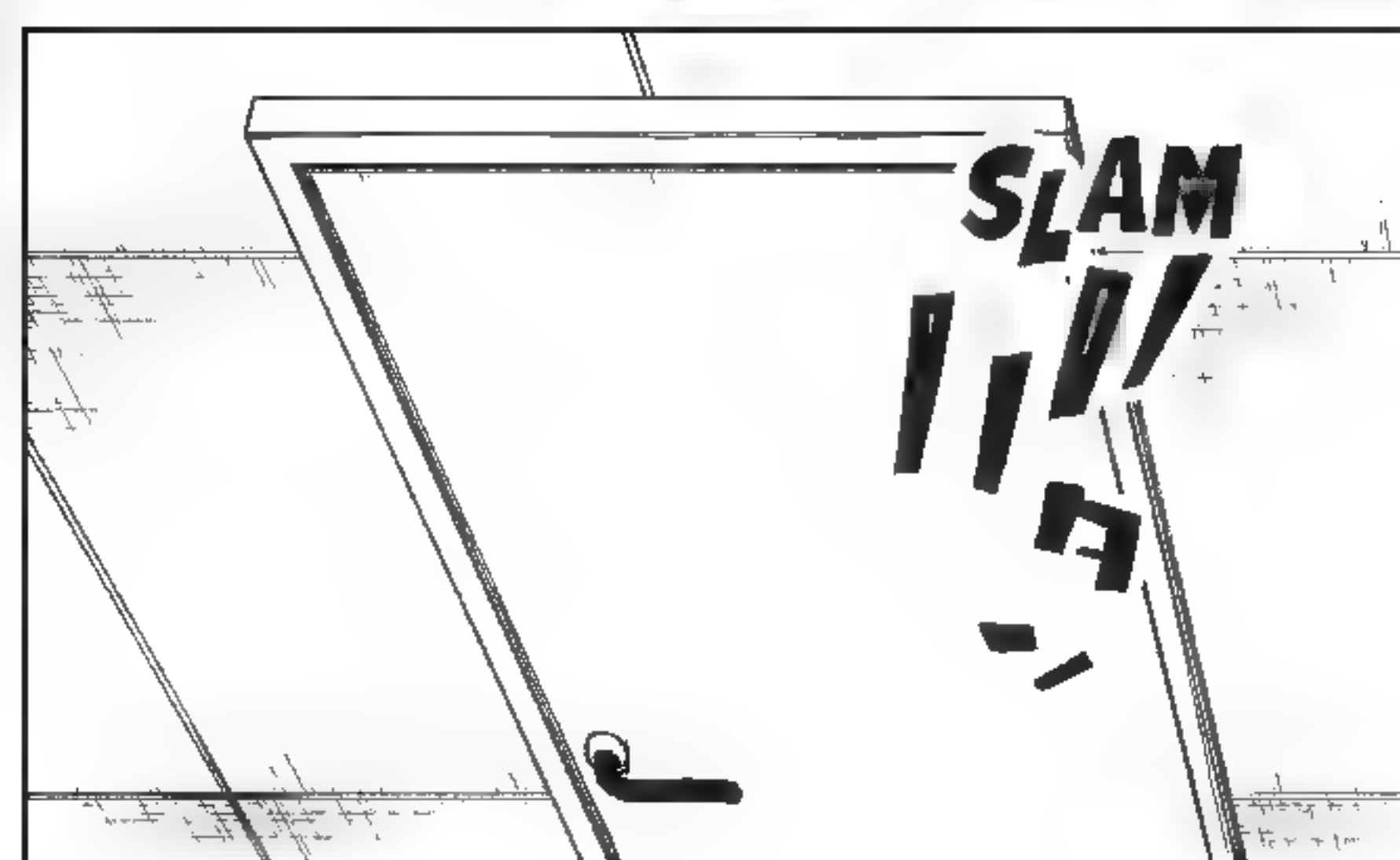
BUT I'LL GO  
OUT THERE AS  
PART OF THE  
RANGER FORCE  
AND DESTROY  
THEM ALL.



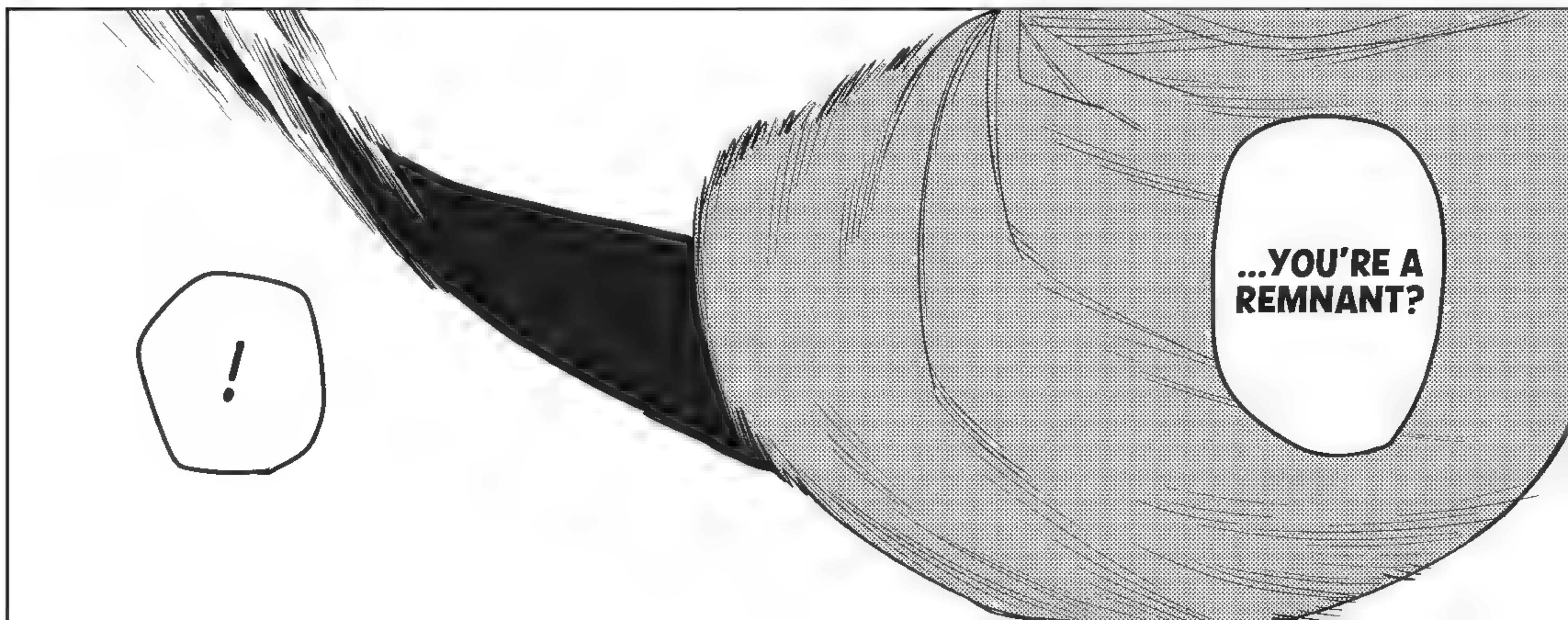
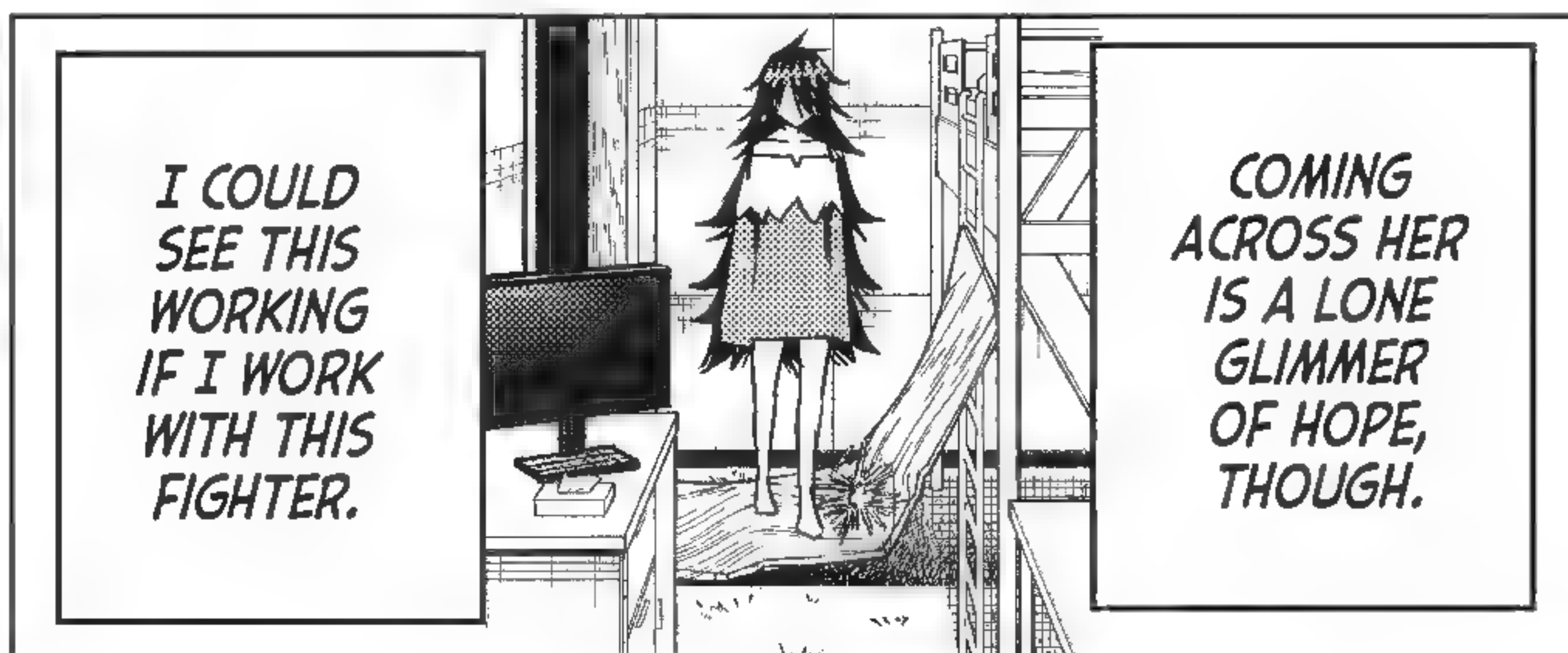
NO WAY!  
EVEN NOW,  
SOME PEOPLE  
ARE STILL  
SCARED OF  
IT.

WE CAN'T  
ALLOW THE  
MONSTERS  
TO KEEP ON  
EXISTING.













WAIT, ARE  
YOU...

WHAT'RE  
YOU...  
DOING...?

WH...

AREN'T  
WE...  
ALLIES?

ZHWAP

THAT IS MY  
PRIDE AS A  
FIGHTER.

SORRY, BUT  
FIGHTING IS  
ALL I KNOW.

THIS IS NO  
TIME FOR  
US TO BE  
FIGHTING...

PLEASE,  
JUST CALM  
DOWN.

ALLIES?  
REALLY?

HOW  
DARE YOU  
USE THAT  
WORD.

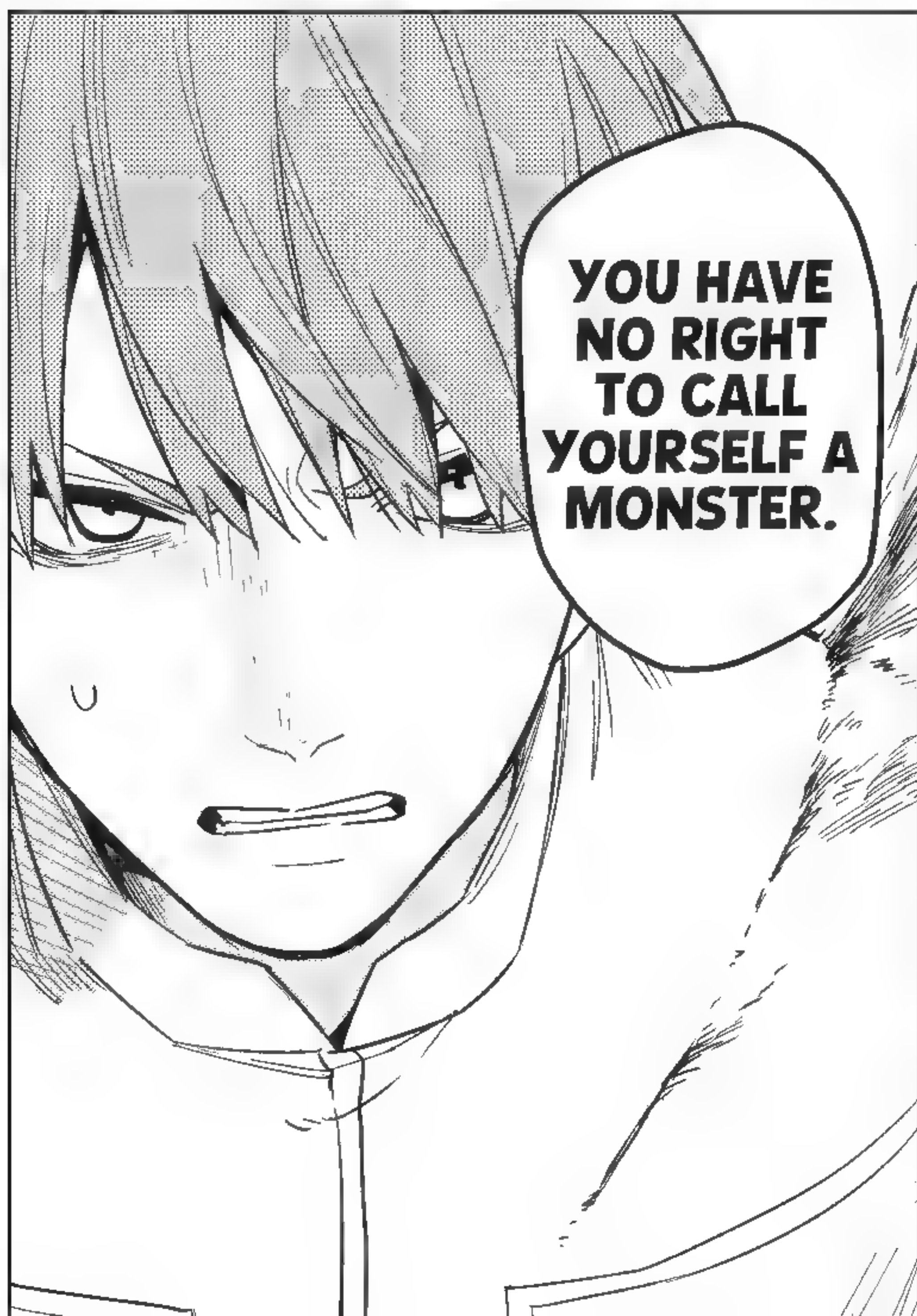




**WE'RE  
THE TRUE  
FIGHTERS.**

**THAT IS WHY  
WE'VE ALWAYS  
ADVOCATED  
FOR ALL-OUT  
RESISTANCE...**

**...EVEN  
AFTER OUR  
BOSSES WERE  
DEFEATED BY  
THE DRAGON  
KEEPERS.**



**YOU HAVE  
NO RIGHT  
TO CALL  
YOURSELF A  
MONSTER.**

**YOU BUNCH  
OF CLOWNS,  
REDUCED  
TO MERE  
PAWNS OF  
THE RANGER  
FORCE.**

**WHO WOULD  
EVER LISTEN  
TO YOU?**

**I BET YOU  
REMNANTS  
THOUGHT  
THAT.**

**DID YOU  
THINK WE'D  
ALL DIED?**









*GO! GO!*  
**LOSER RANGER!**





Chapter 16: **THE PINK SIBLINGS**



NOW I  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY YOU'RE  
SO DESPERATE  
NOT TO FIGHT.

THIS IS NO  
TIME FOR TWO  
FIGHTERS TO  
BE FACING OFF  
AGAINST EACH  
OTHER.

HEY...  
THERE ARE  
RANGERS  
RIGHT OUT-  
SIDE, YOU  
KNOW.



WE RESISTED  
THE DRAGON  
KEEPERS  
UNTIL THE  
VERY END...

...AND  
I WAS  
THE LONE  
SURVIVOR.

THAT'S  
HOW  
YOU'VE  
BEEN FOR  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS.

YOU'VE  
NEVER  
ONCE  
FOUGHT.



...WHAT-  
EVER MAKES  
YOU SUCH A  
WEAKLING.

I DON'T  
WANNA  
CATCH...

DON'T  
TALK  
TO ME,  
LOSER.



SHUT  
UP.



YOU  
NEED  
TO GIVE  
THIS A  
LITTLE  
MORE  
THOUGHT!

HOLD  
ON!



YOUR BODY  
AND MIND BOTH  
BELONG TO THE  
RANGER FORCE  
NOW.

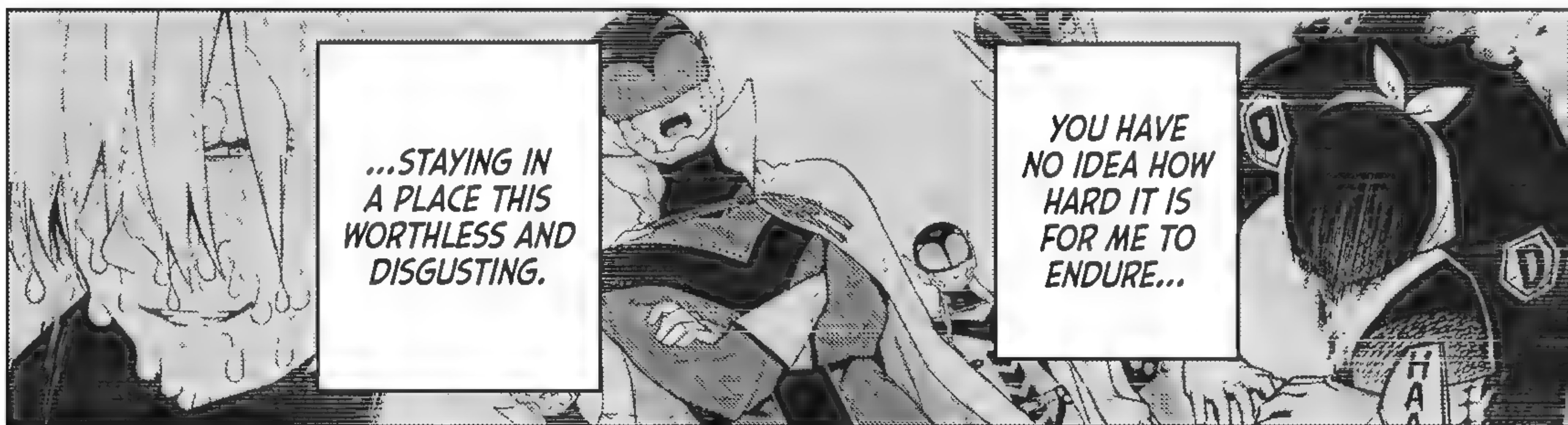
WE'RE NO  
LONGER  
COMRADES,  
YOU  
TRAITOR.





*FINE. GO  
AHEAD...*

*RUN YOUR  
MOUTH.*



*...STAYING IN  
A PLACE THIS  
WORTHLESS AND  
DISGUSTING.*

*YOU HAVE  
NO IDEA HOW  
HARD IT IS  
FOR ME TO  
ENDURE...*



*LET'S  
RUN  
WILD.*



*YOU'RE RIGHT,  
THIS ISN'T HOW  
A FIGHTER  
SHOULD ACT.*

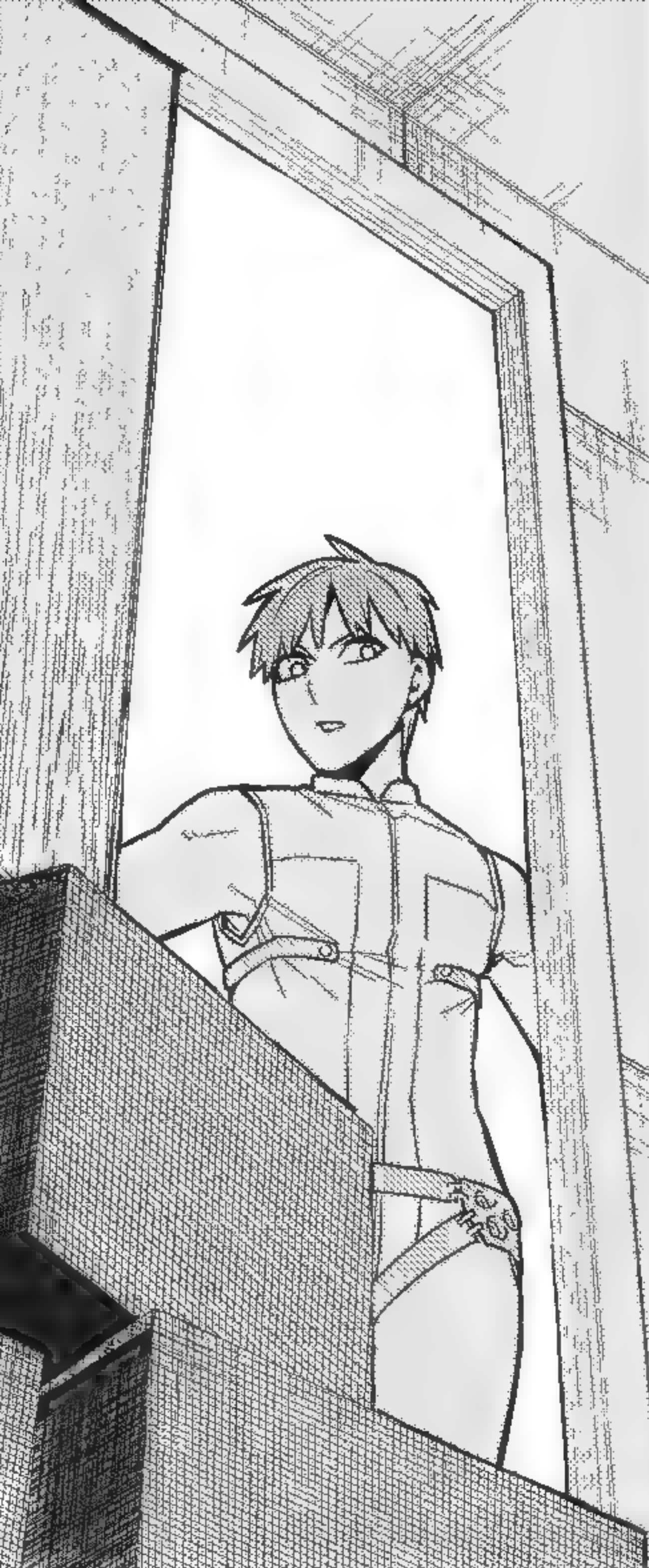
*I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
GOT INTO  
ME.*



*I WAS  
WRONG.*

!





THERE'S  
NO HARM IN  
DISGUIISING  
YOURSELF IF  
YOU WANT TO  
TAKE THEM BY  
SURPRISE.

BUT YOU  
CAN'T GO  
OUT THERE  
LOOKING  
LIKE THAT.

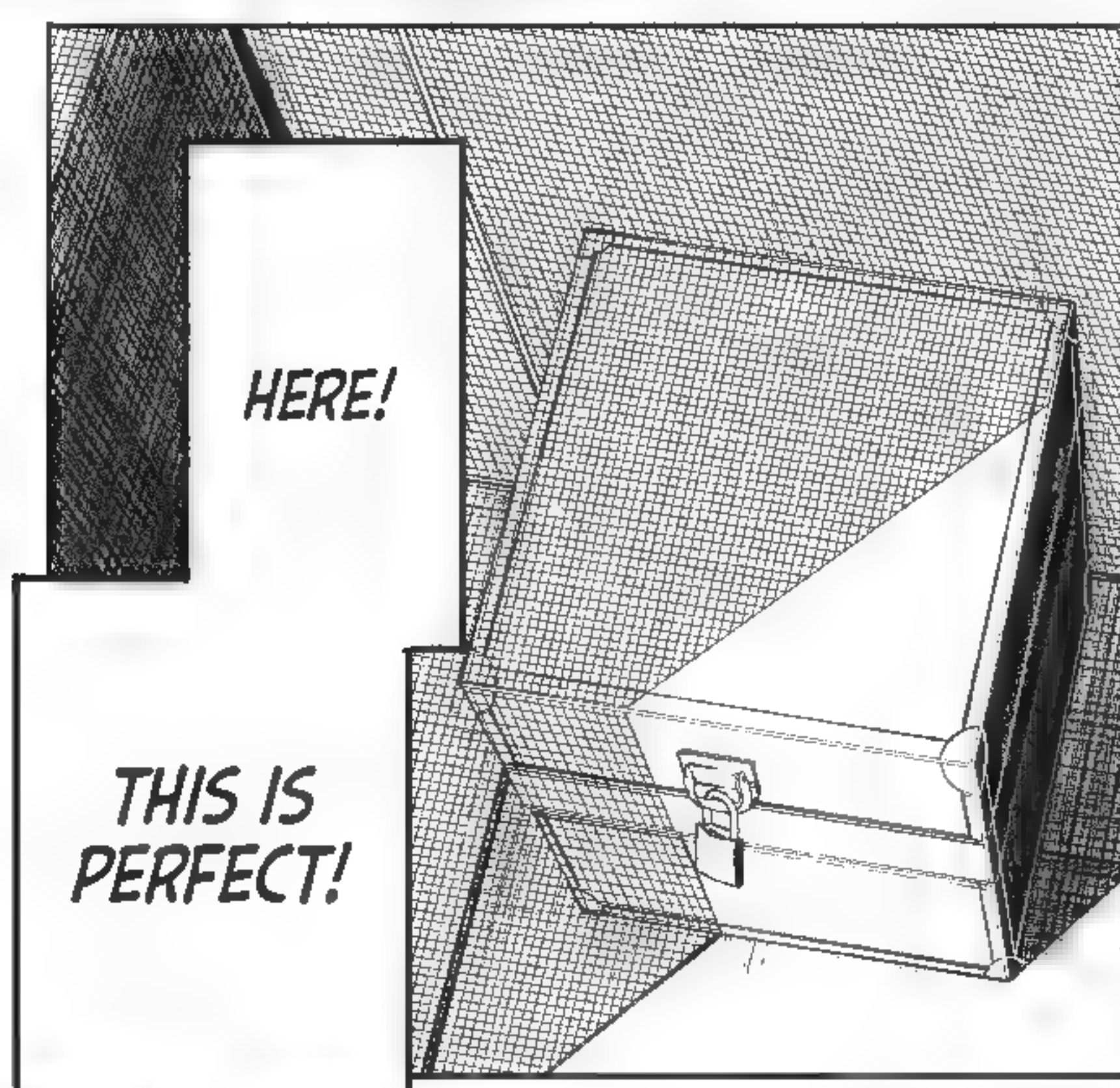
...  
THAT'S  
AWFULLY  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
OF YOU.



OKAY,  
I'LL WAIT.

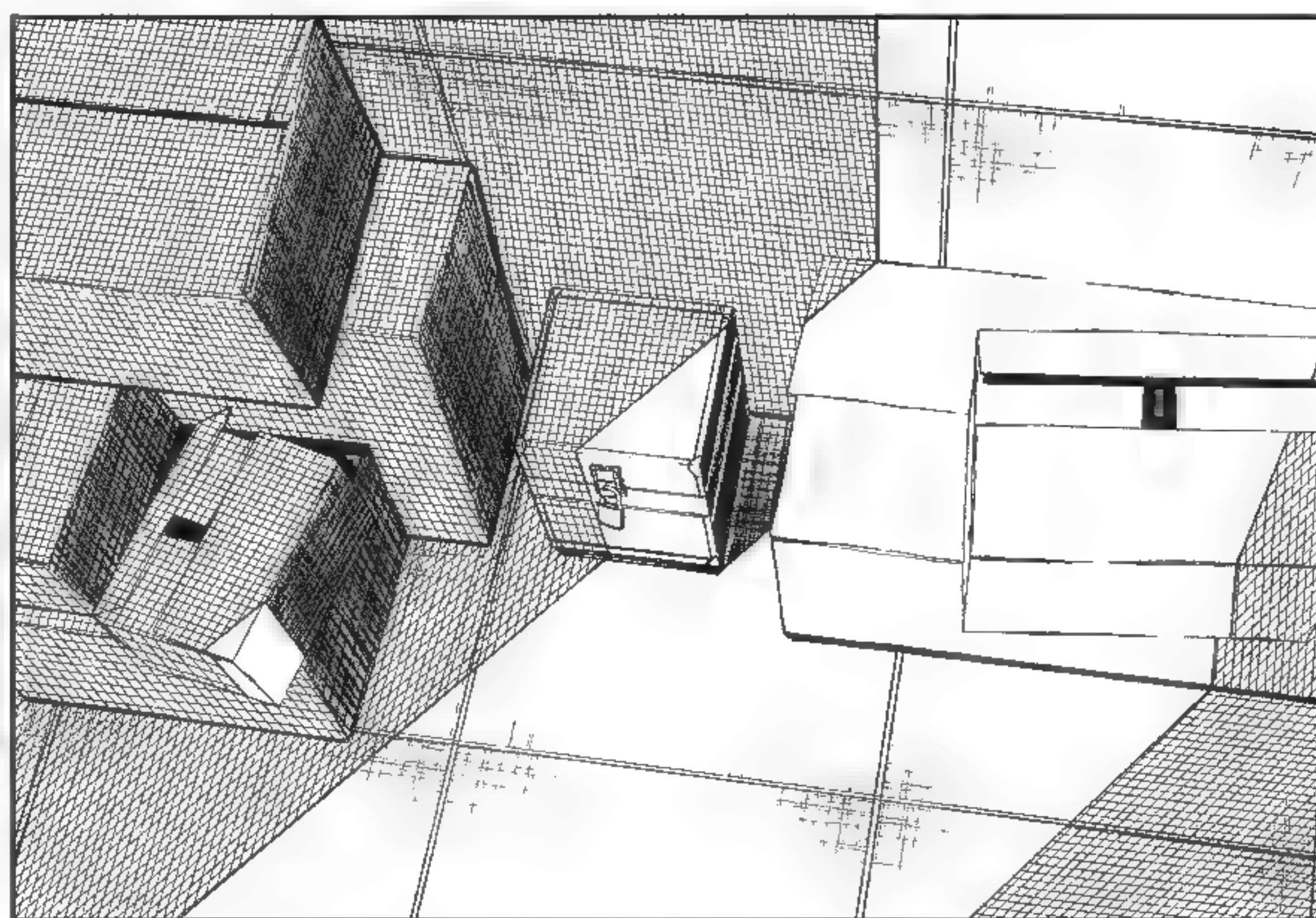
IT'LL  
TAKE  
TIME.

I'M NOT  
GOOD AT  
MIMICKING  
SURFACE-  
DWELLERS.



HERE!

THIS IS  
PERFECT!



...OKAY.

TIME TO  
SLAUGHTER  
THEM.



C'MON,  
OPEN...







I KNOW IT MUST BE A LITTLE CRAMPED...







...DAMNED...  
TRAITOR!

YOU...

I DOUBT YOU'D  
BE ABLE TO DO  
ANYTHING ELSE,  
SEVERED FROM  
YOUR BODY LIKE  
THAT.

...OF  
COURSE...



CRAP!

THMP



KA-CHAK



NOW I JUST  
HAVE TO  
TAKE CARE  
OF THAT  
ANNOYING  
SISTER...



GUESS I  
STUFFED  
TOO MUCH  
INSIDE.

HEH  
HEH...

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO THAT  
DOOR?

EVERYONE  
LEFT.

...OH.

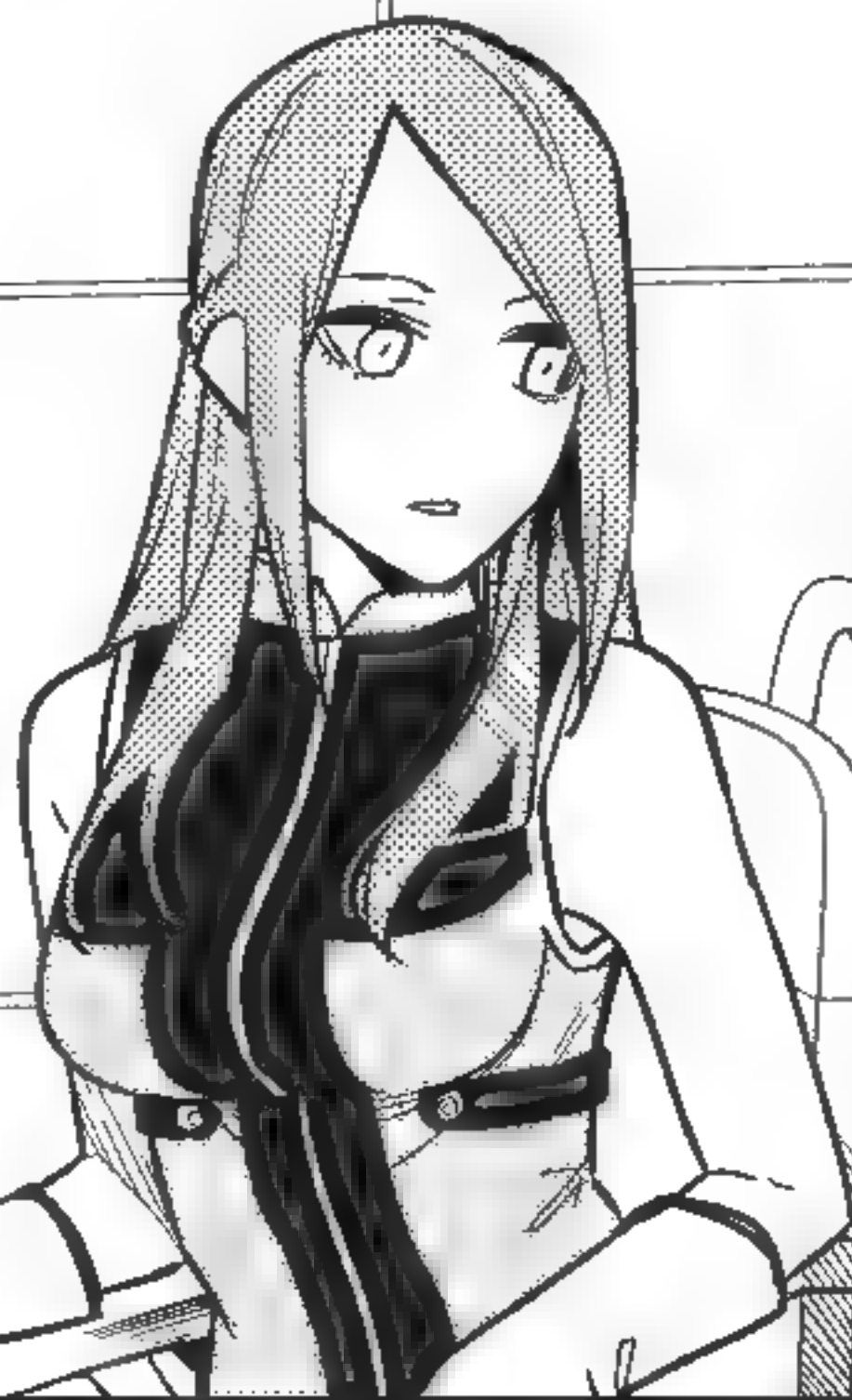




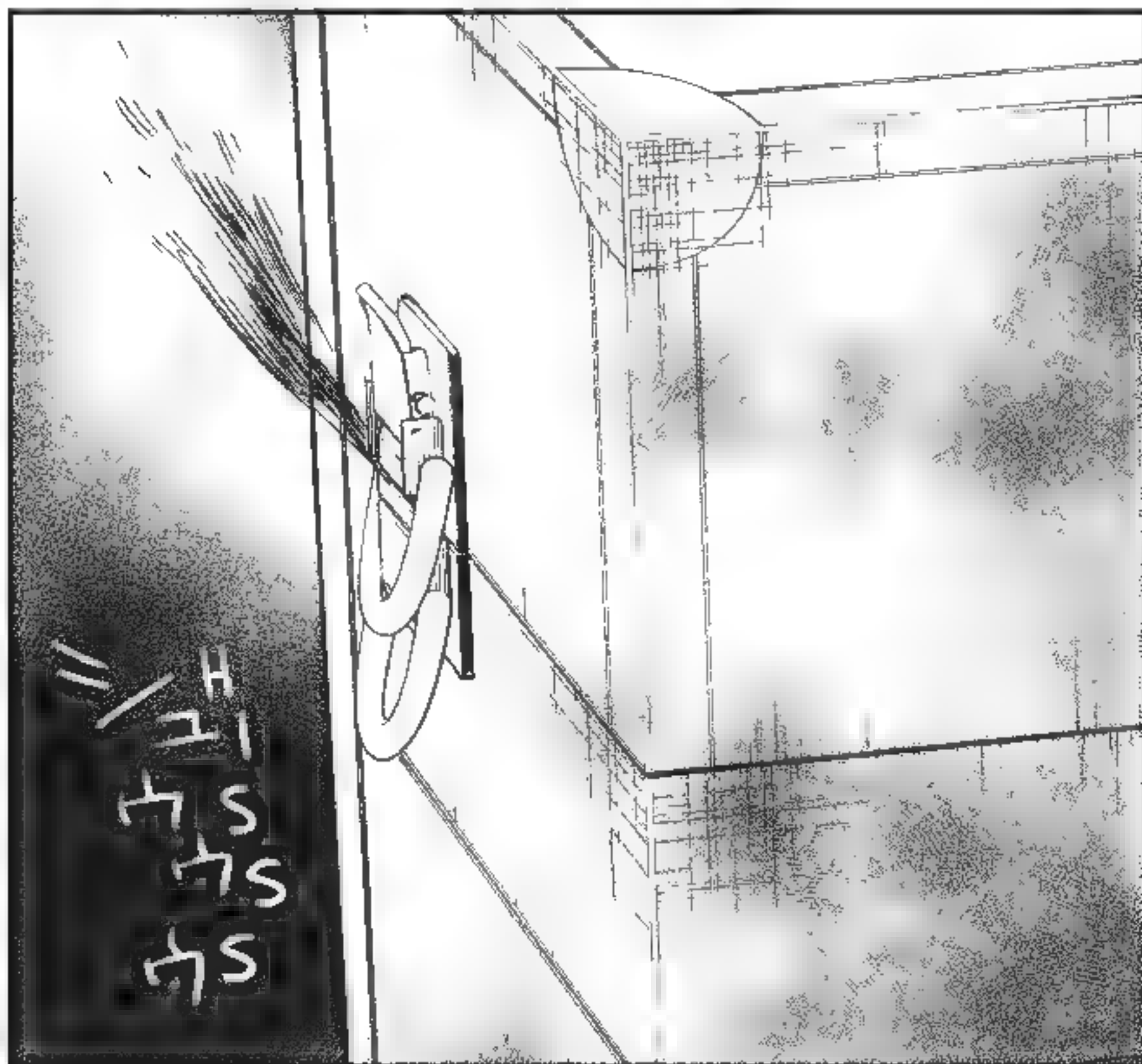
YOU  
WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO ME,  
RIGHT?



I-I  
CAN DO IT  
LATER!



SHOULD I CALL  
SOMEONE ON  
THE MAINTENANCE  
TEAM?



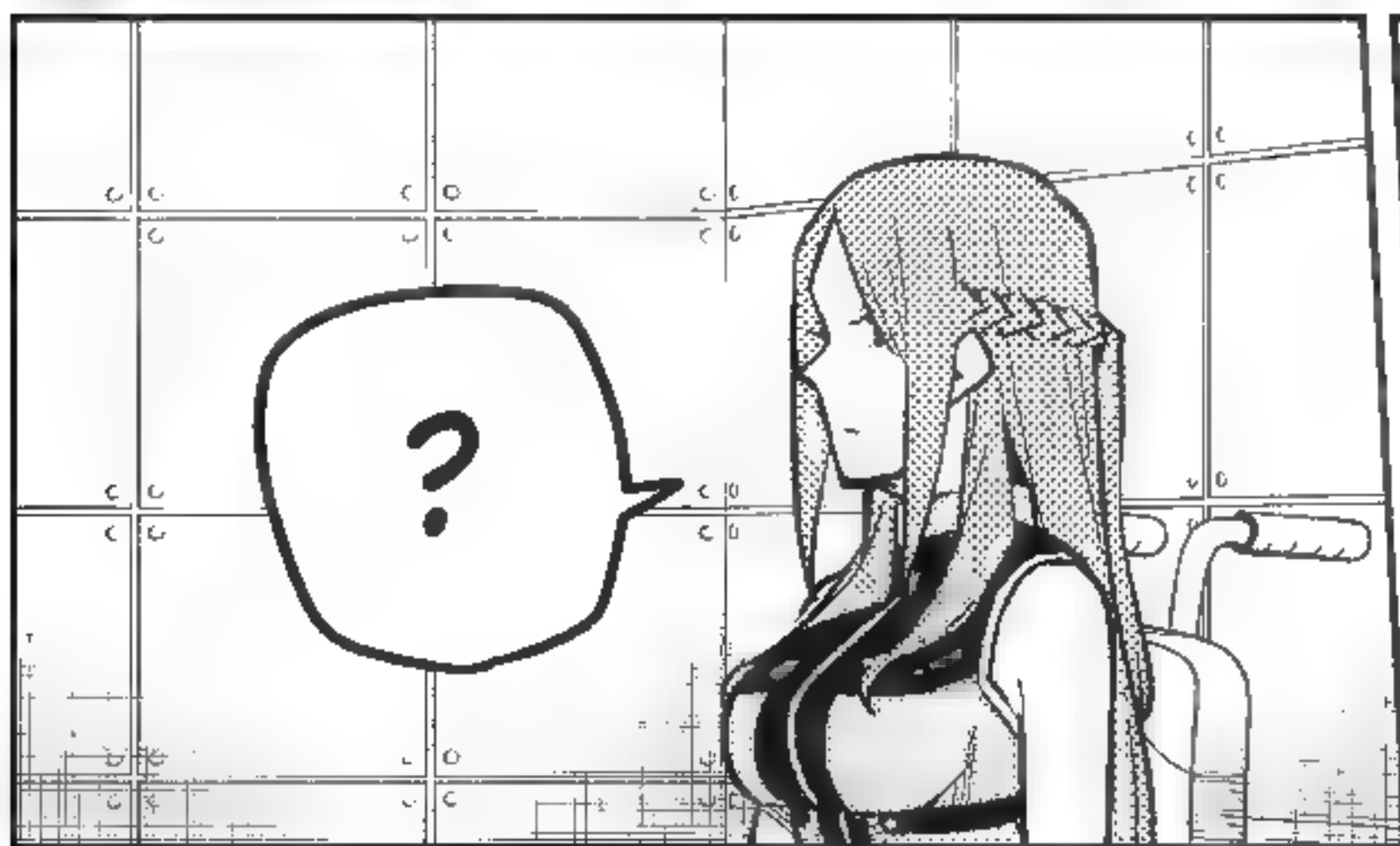
WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

HOW  
ABOUT  
QUITTING  
THE RANGER  
FORCE AND  
LIVING A  
NORMAL  
LIFE?



YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

I SHOULD  
ASK YOU  
BEFORE WE'RE  
DISTRACTED  
AGAIN.



?

I'LL  
JUST GIVE  
A VAGUE  
ANSWER  
AND GET  
HER TO  
LEAVE.

I CAN'T  
TAKE MY  
TIME AND  
CHAT WITH  
HER HERE.



OKAY.

I'LL  
THINK  
ABOUT  
IT.

OH,  
SORRY!

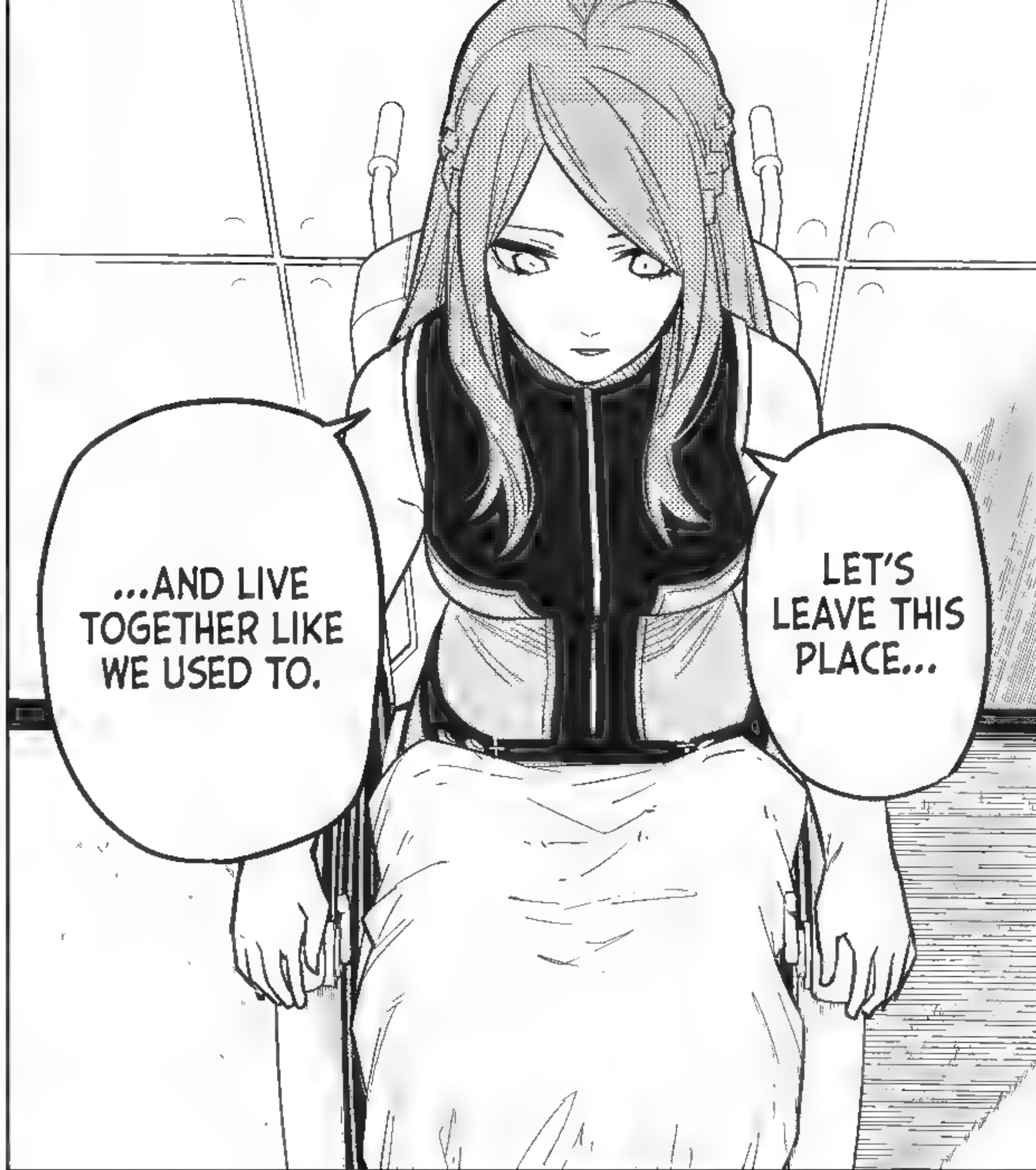
QUIT THE  
RANGER  
FORCE,  
HUH...?





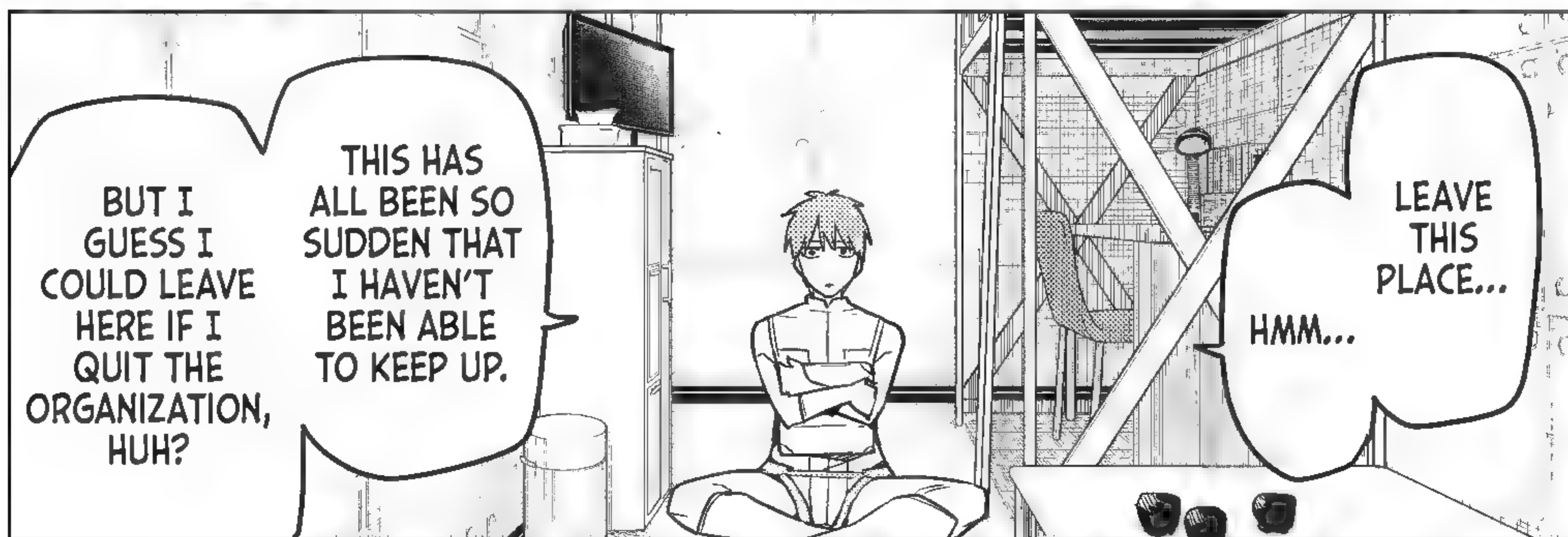


**STAYING IN  
THE RANGER  
FORCE JUST  
PUTS YOU  
AT RISK.**



**...AND LIVE  
TOGETHER LIKE  
WE USED TO.**

**LET'S  
LEAVE THIS  
PLACE...**



**BUT I  
GUESS I  
COULD LEAVE  
HERE IF I  
QUIT THE  
ORGANIZATION,  
HUH?**

**THIS HAS  
ALL BEEN SO  
SUDDEN THAT  
I HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE  
TO KEEP UP.**

**HMM...**

**LEAVE  
THIS  
PLACE...**



**ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
RUN FROM  
YET ANOTHER  
BATTLE?!**

**YOU  
COWARD...!**



**YOU MUST  
FEEL THE  
SAME WAY,  
RIGHT?**

**THERE'S  
NOTHING TO  
BE SCARED  
OF NOW.**

**YOU'LL BE  
SAFE AS  
LONG AS  
YOU'RE BY  
MY SIDE.**

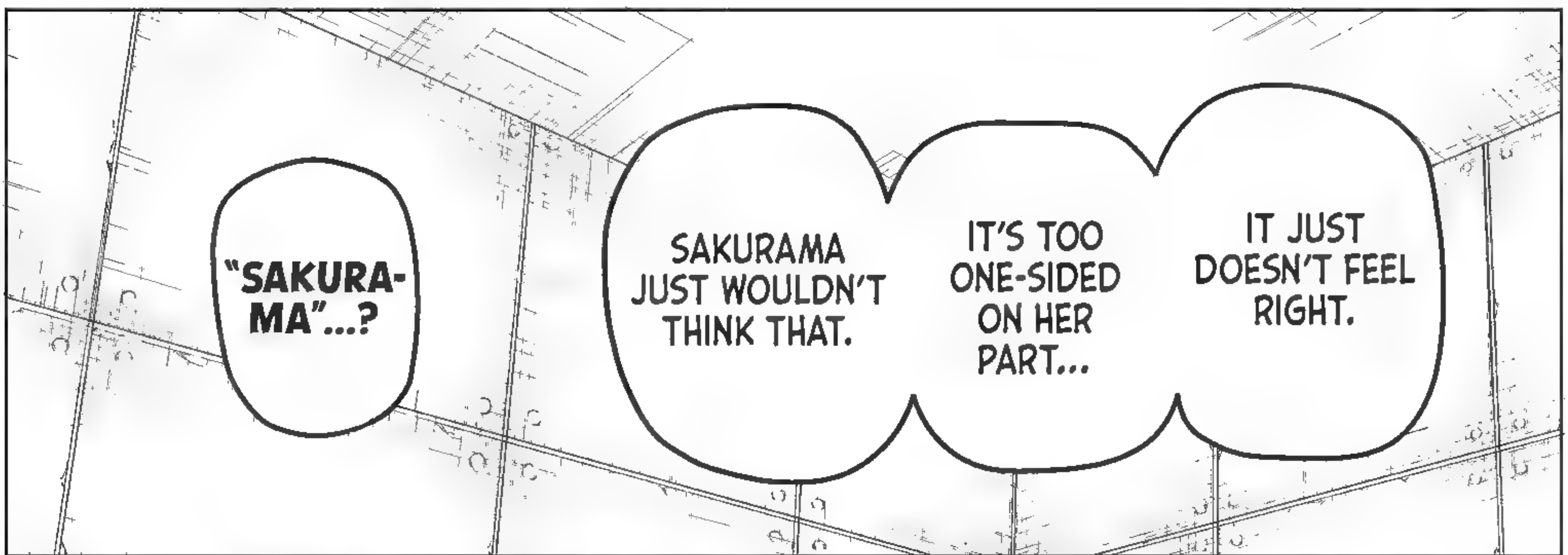






THAT  
DOESN'T  
WORK...

NO...



"SAKURA-  
MA"...?

SAKURAMA  
JUST WOULDN'T  
THINK THAT.

IT'S TOO  
ONE-SIDED  
ON HER  
PART...

IT JUST  
DOESN'T FEEL  
RIGHT.

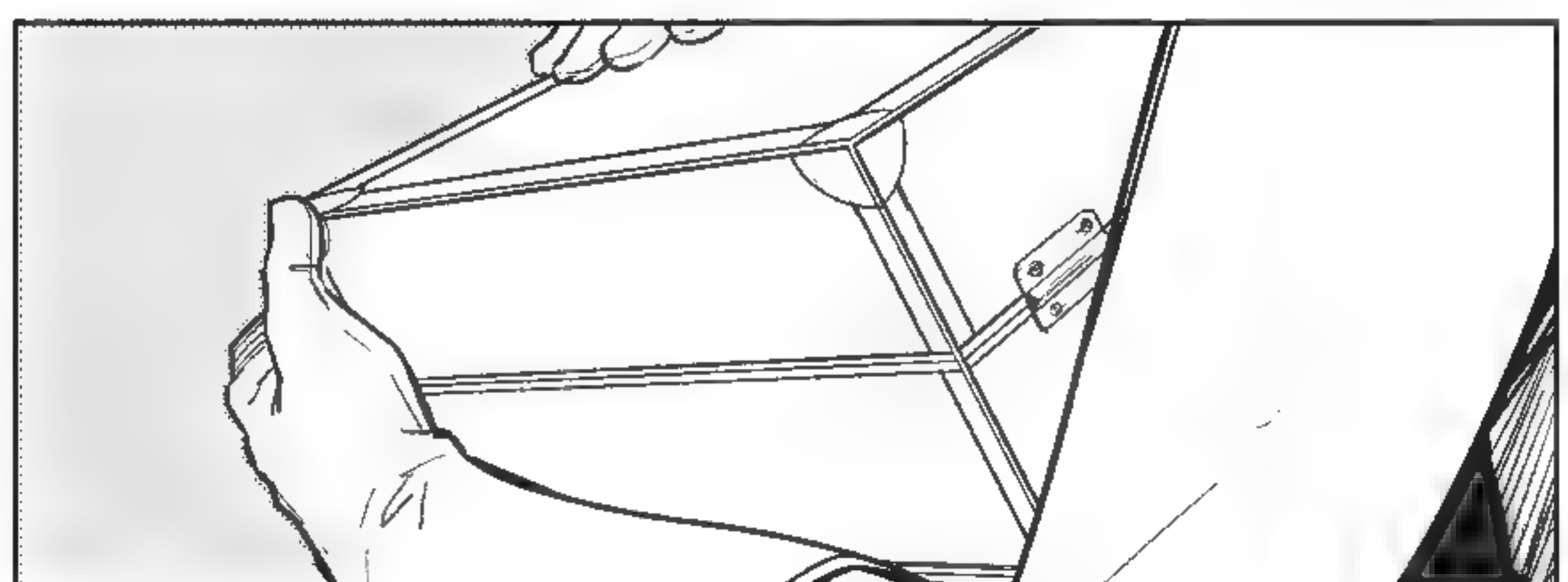


I CAME  
HERE TO  
FIGHT.



THAT  
DOESN'T  
SEEM LIKE  
A VALID  
REASON  
FOR HIM  
TO QUIT...

HE  
WOULD'VE  
KNOWN  
THAT IT'S  
DANGEROUS  
FROM THE  
START.







**I'M  
SAYING  
I'LL DO  
THIS ON  
YOUR  
BEHALF.**

**YOU  
NEED TO  
LEARN TO  
LISTEN TO  
YOUR  
ELDERS.**

**THIS IS ALL  
FOR YOUR  
SAKE.**

**...AT THE WHITE  
DRAGON'S NEST  
ARE FORCED  
OUT OF IT.**

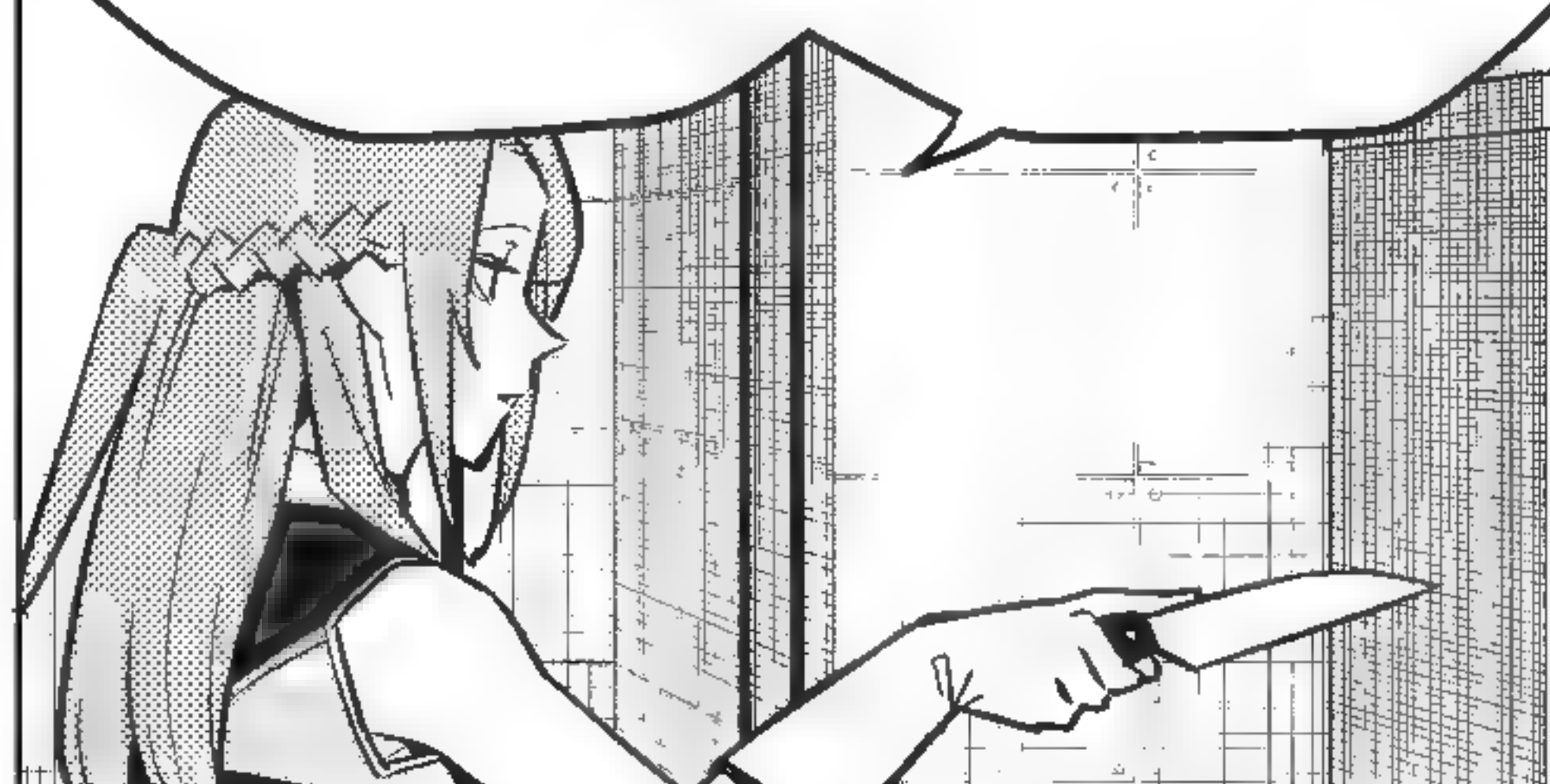
**ANY  
RANGERS  
UNABLE  
TO TAKE  
THE FINAL  
EXAM...**

**IF YOU  
WISH FOR A  
TRULY JUST  
WORLD...**

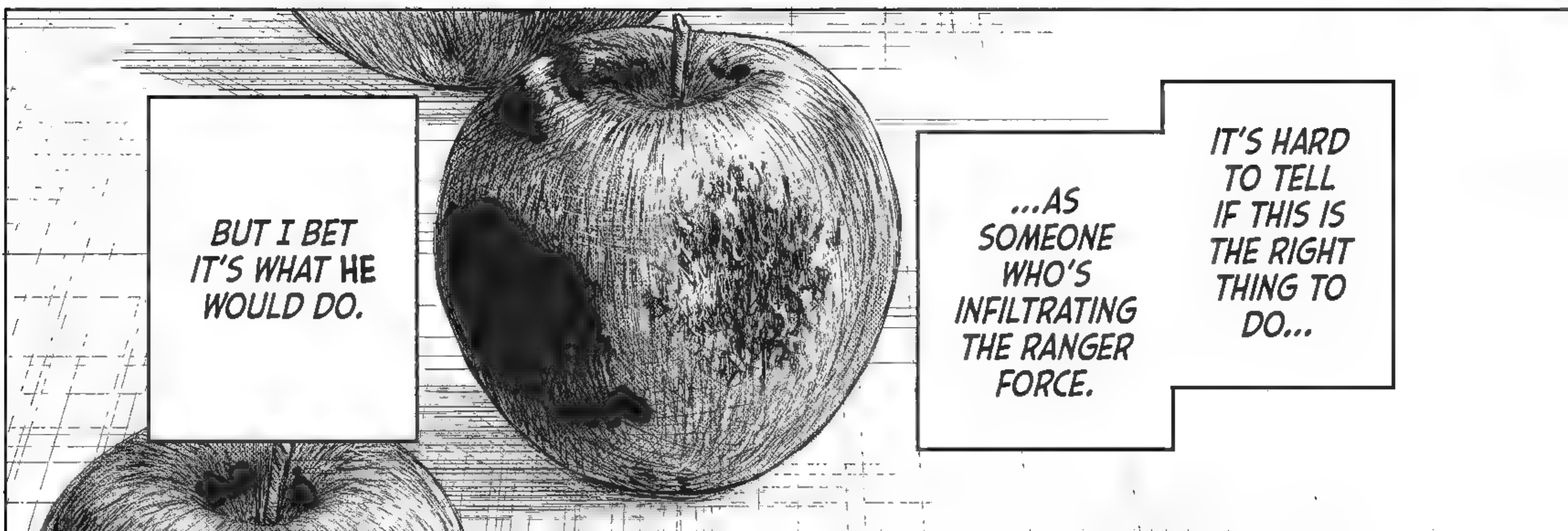
**...DON'T  
CHOOSE  
THE PATH  
I CHOSE.**

**...BUT  
THE RANGER  
FORCE ISN'T  
AS RIGHTEOUS  
OF A PLACE AS  
YOU DREAMED  
IT WAS.**

**I DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
TELL YOU  
THIS...**







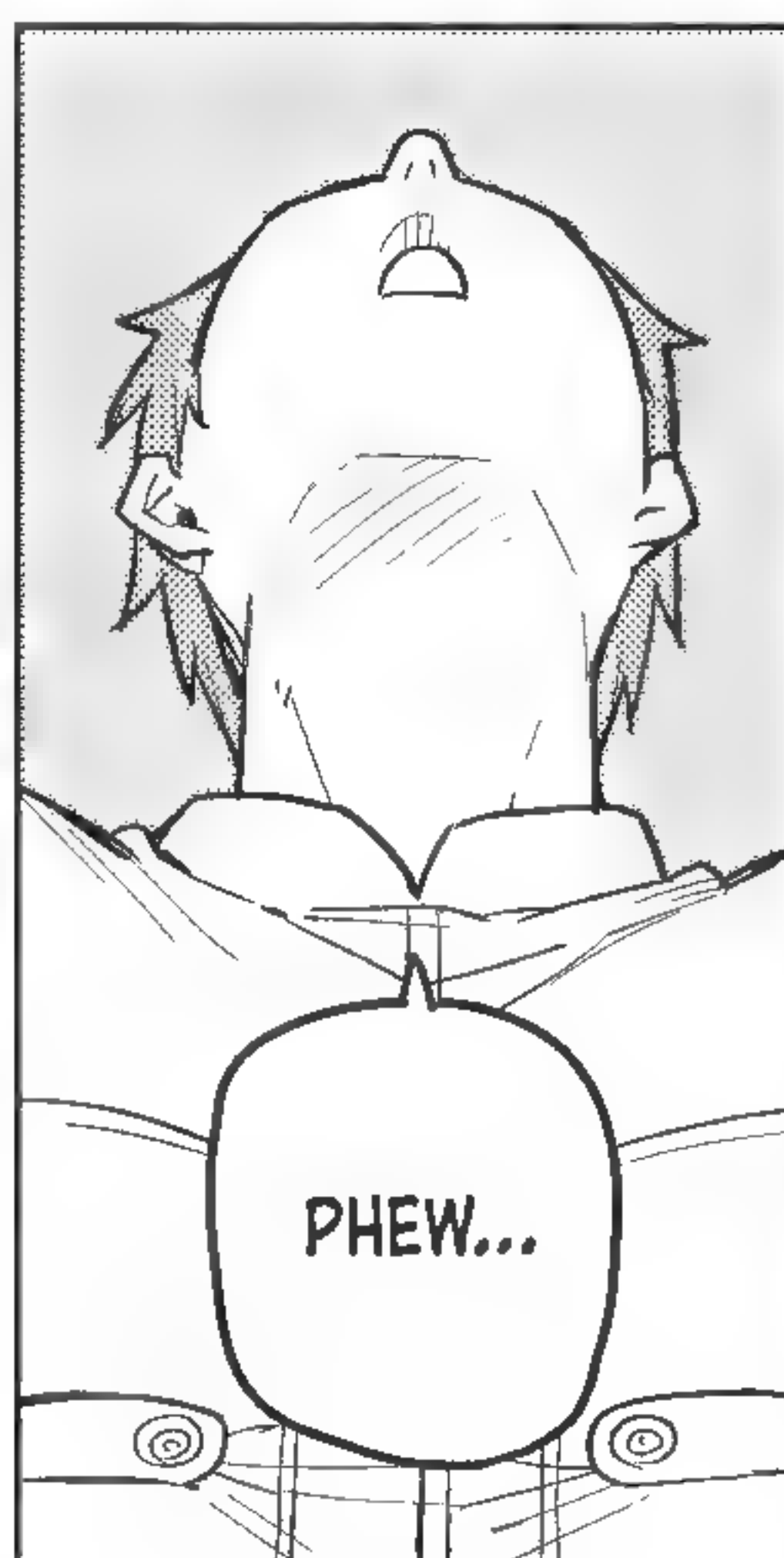




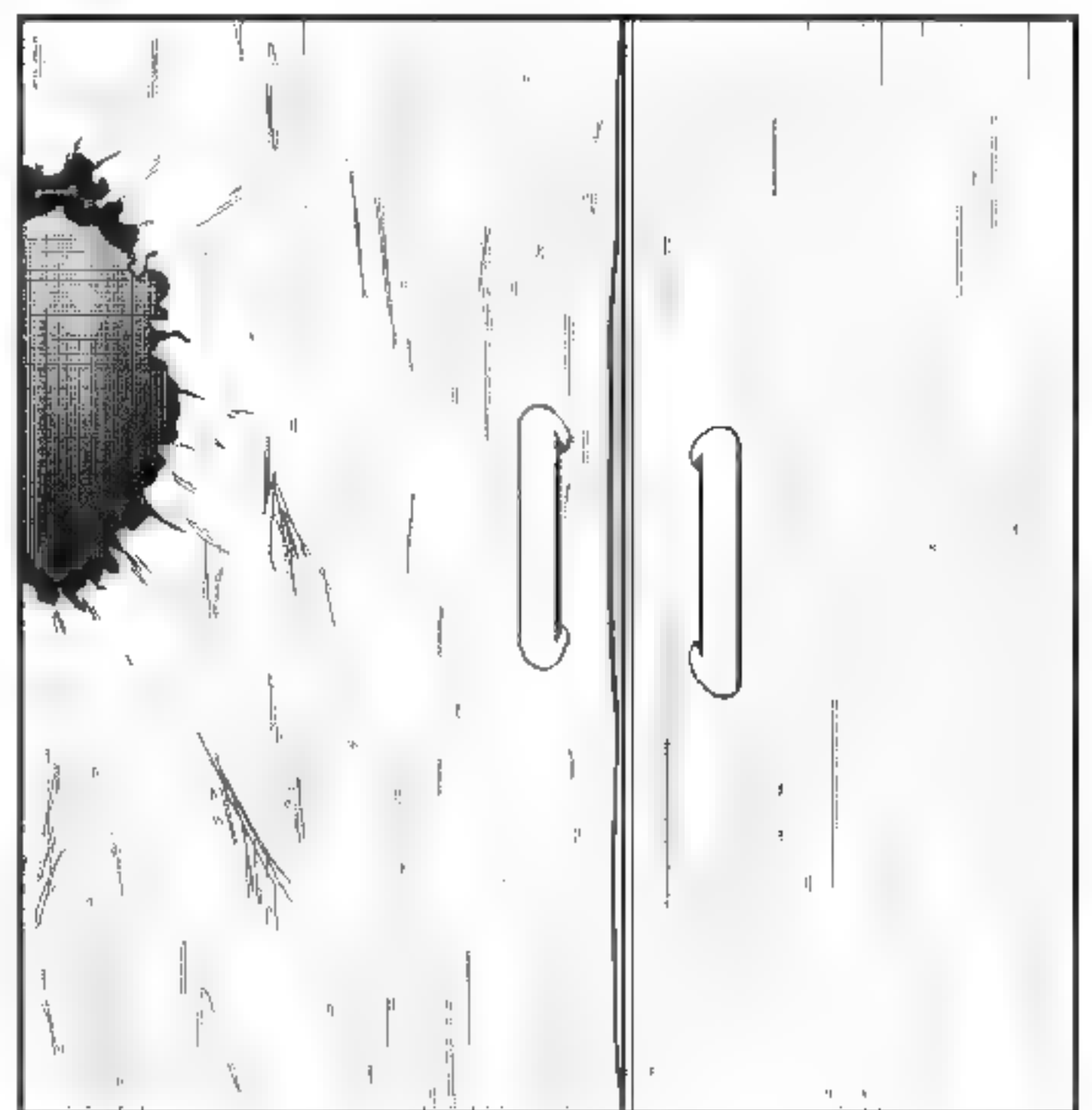












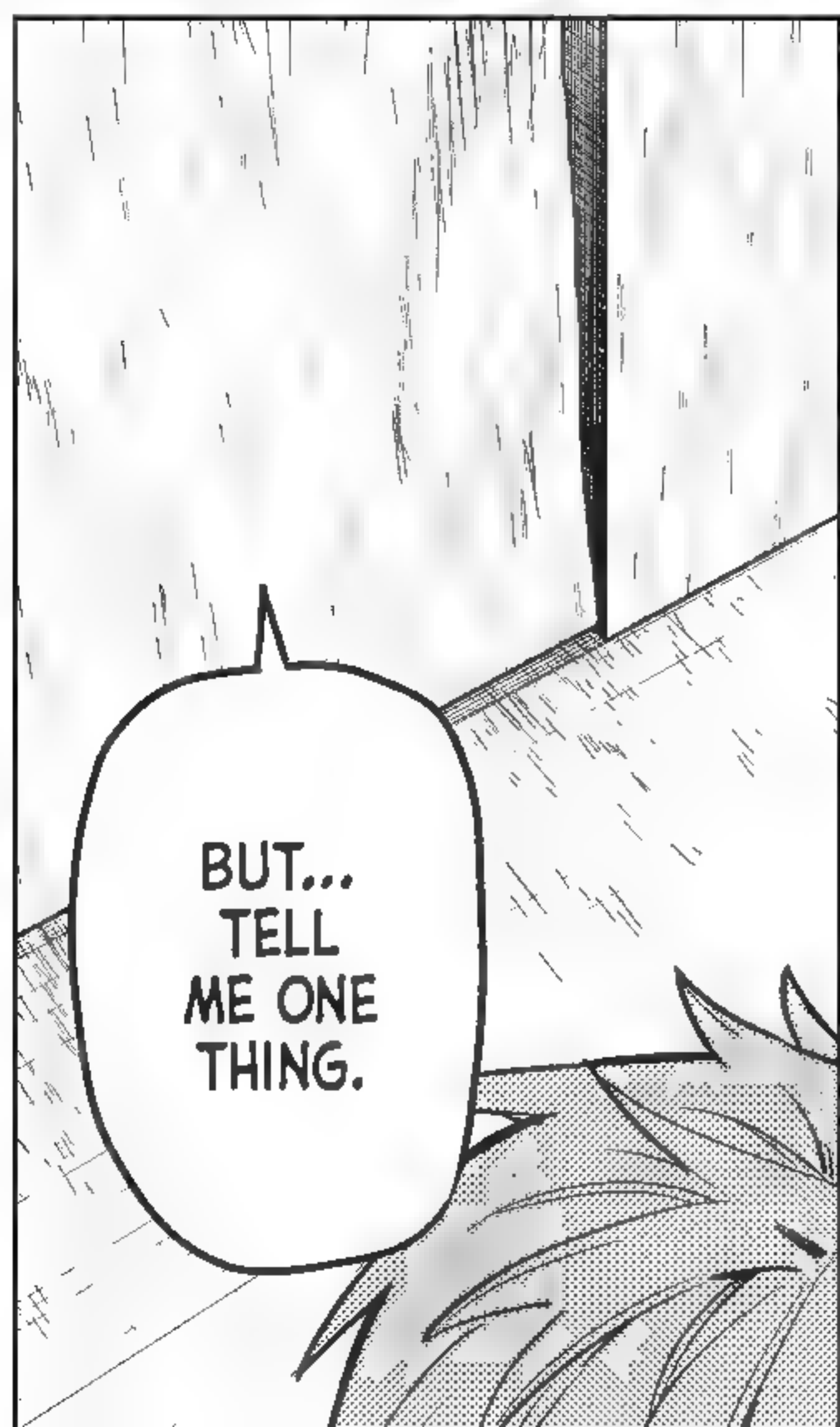
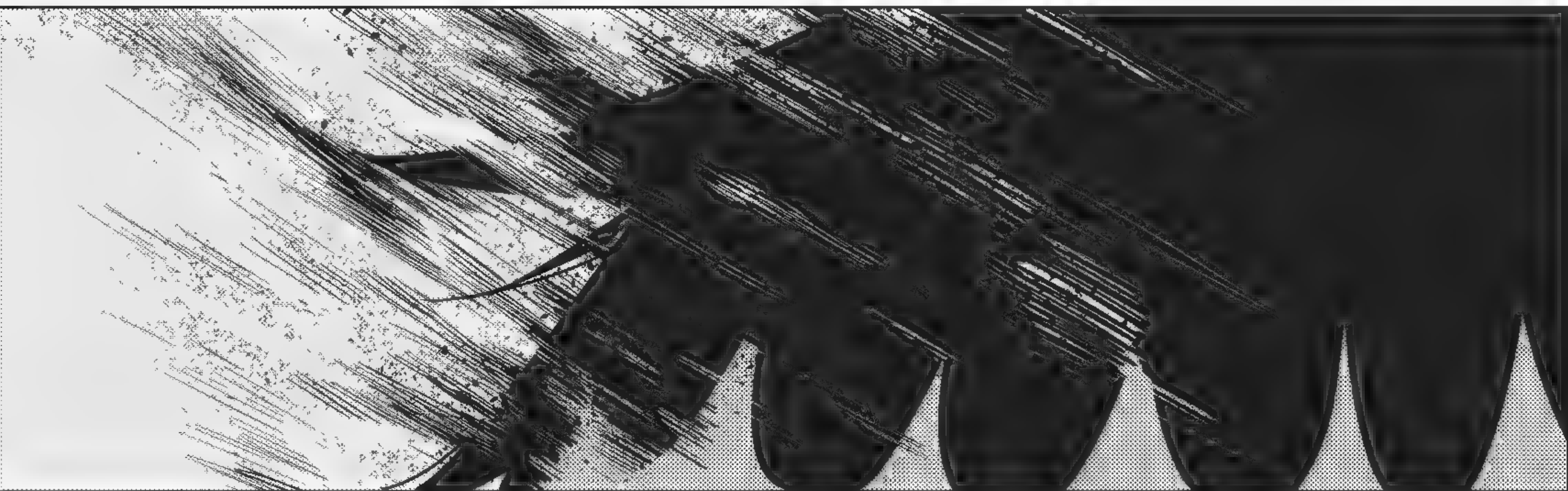




...OUR  
DIGNITY.

...AND  
TAKE  
BACK...

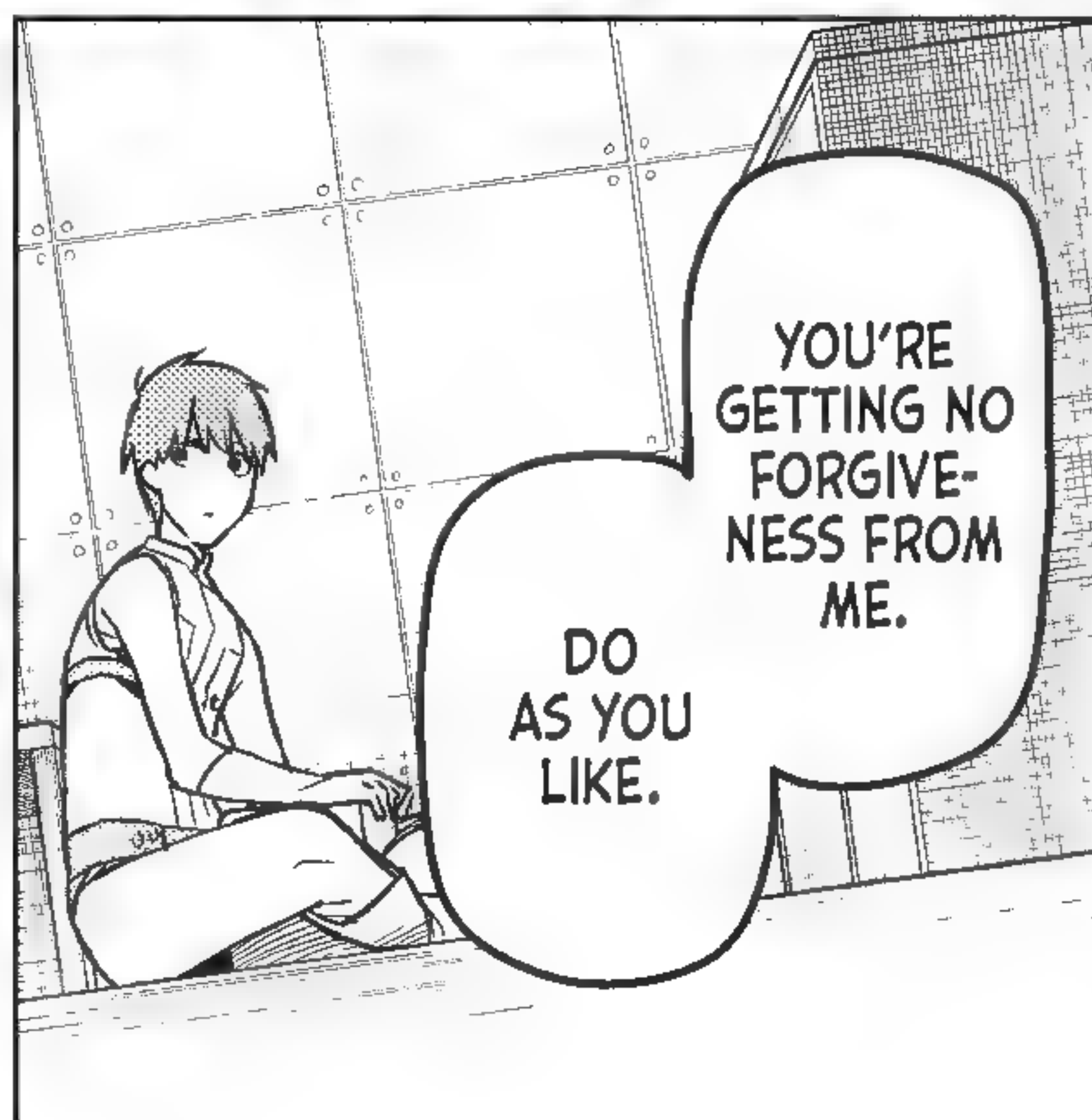
THAT'S  
WHY I'LL  
WIN THIS  
BATTLE...



BUT...  
TELL  
ME ONE  
THING.



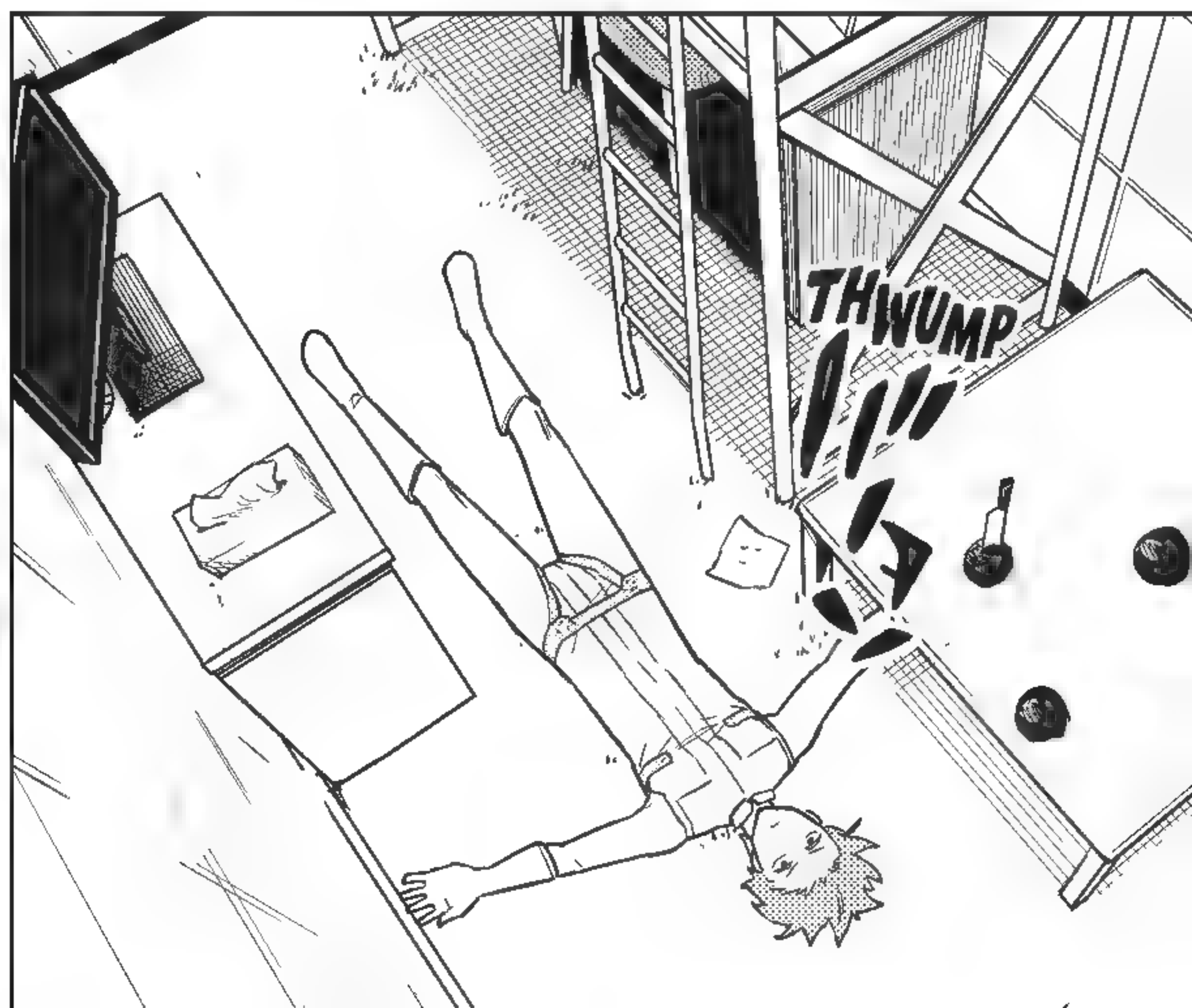
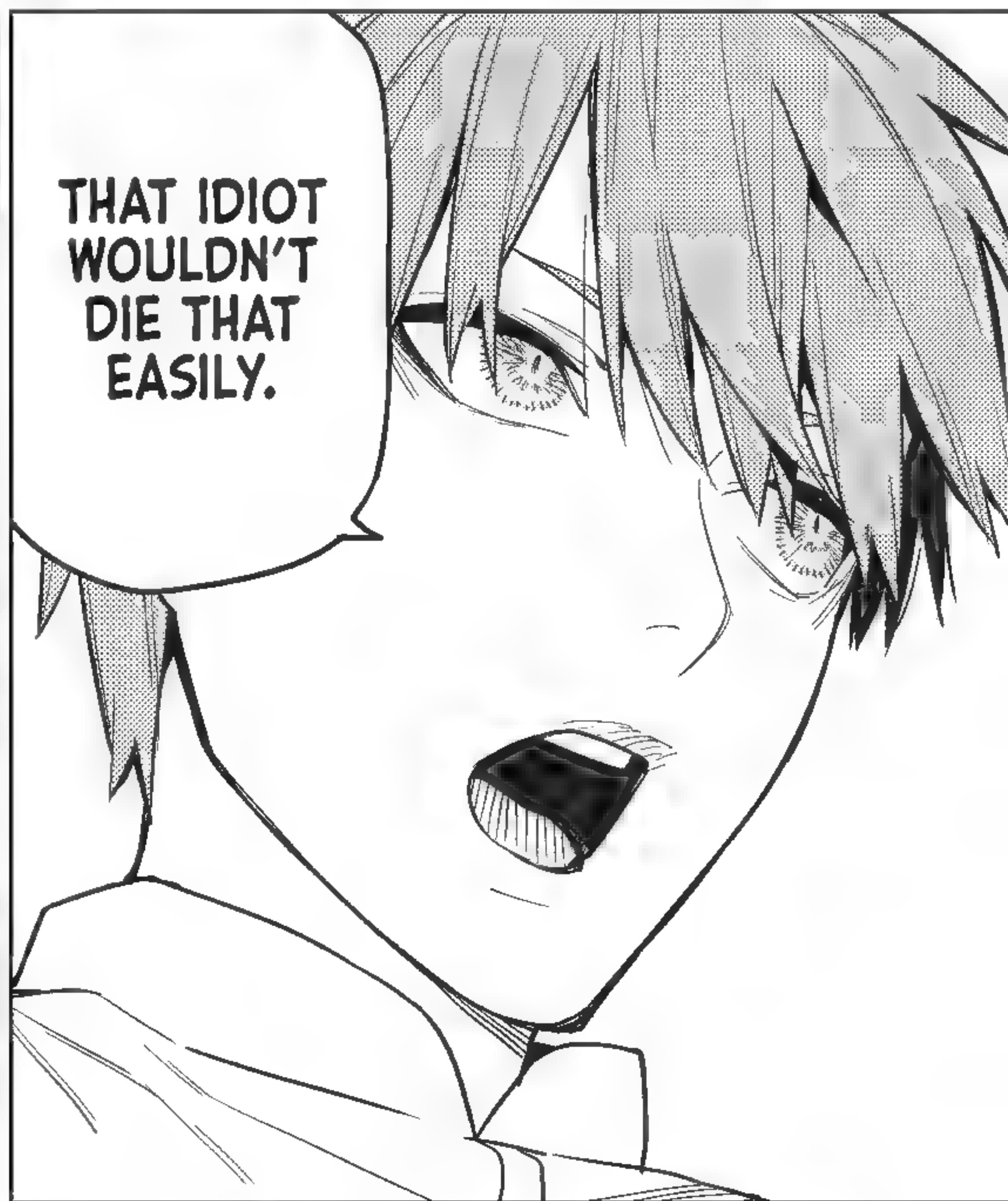
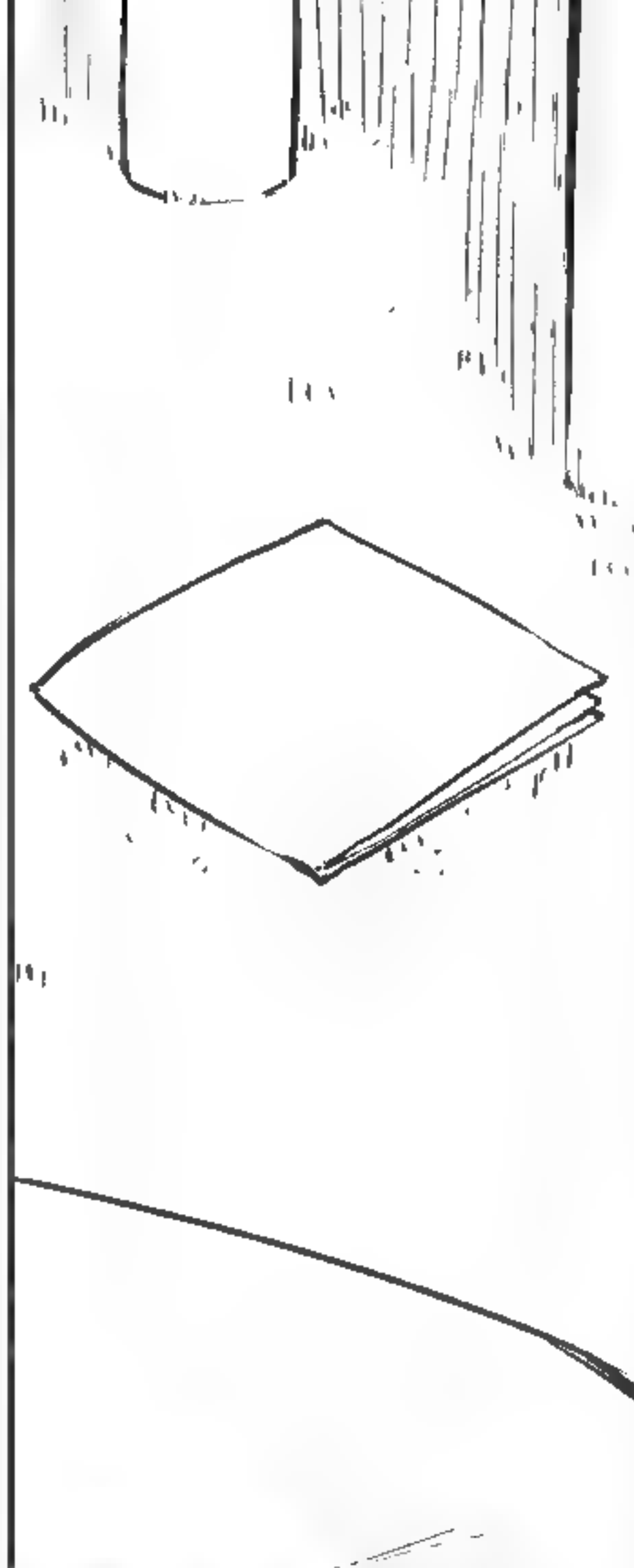
IS  
THAT  
SO.



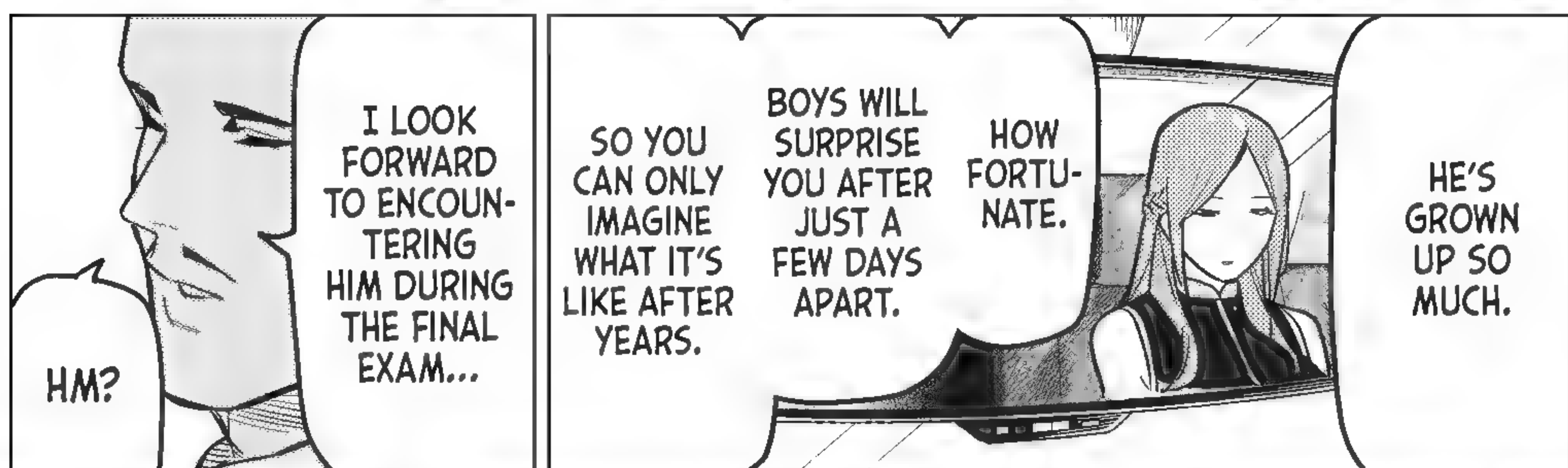
DO  
AS YOU  
LIKE.

YOU'RE  
GETTING NO  
FORGIVE-  
NESS FROM  
ME.

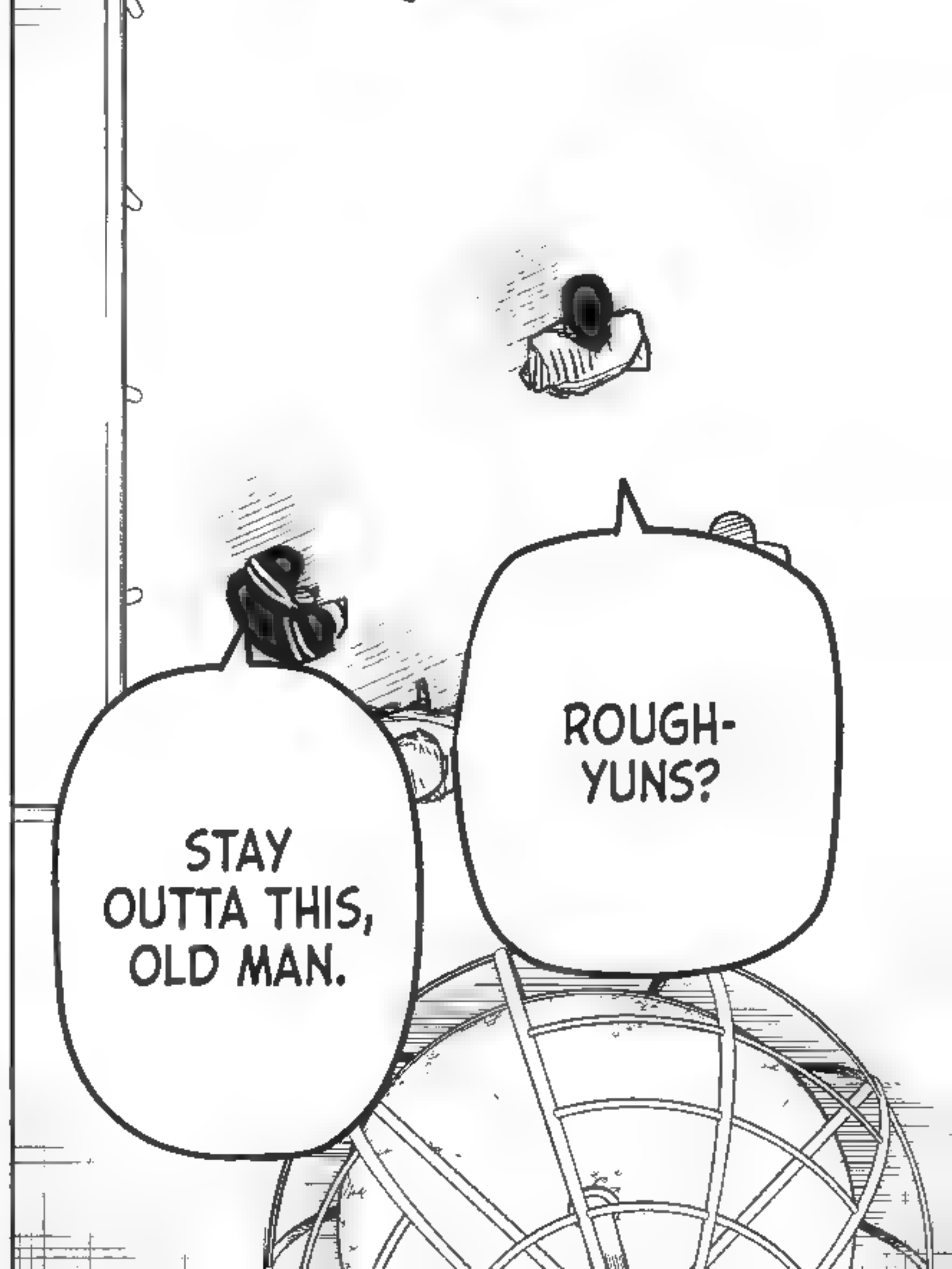
















A—  
A DRAGON  
KEEPER?!



OH  
DEAR...

GET BACK,  
NADESHIKO.

H-HEY!  
STOP  
STARING  
AND GET  
HIM!



OH! MY  
GOODNESS!

HRNGH?

WHAT A  
TERRIBLE  
INJURY,  
YOU POOR  
THING...



I'M  
FEELING  
MYSELF  
TODAY.  
I'LL TAKE  
THEM ON.

SHE'S JUST  
A PRETTY  
FACE FOR  
THE DRAGON  
KEEPERS!



DON'T BE  
SCARED!

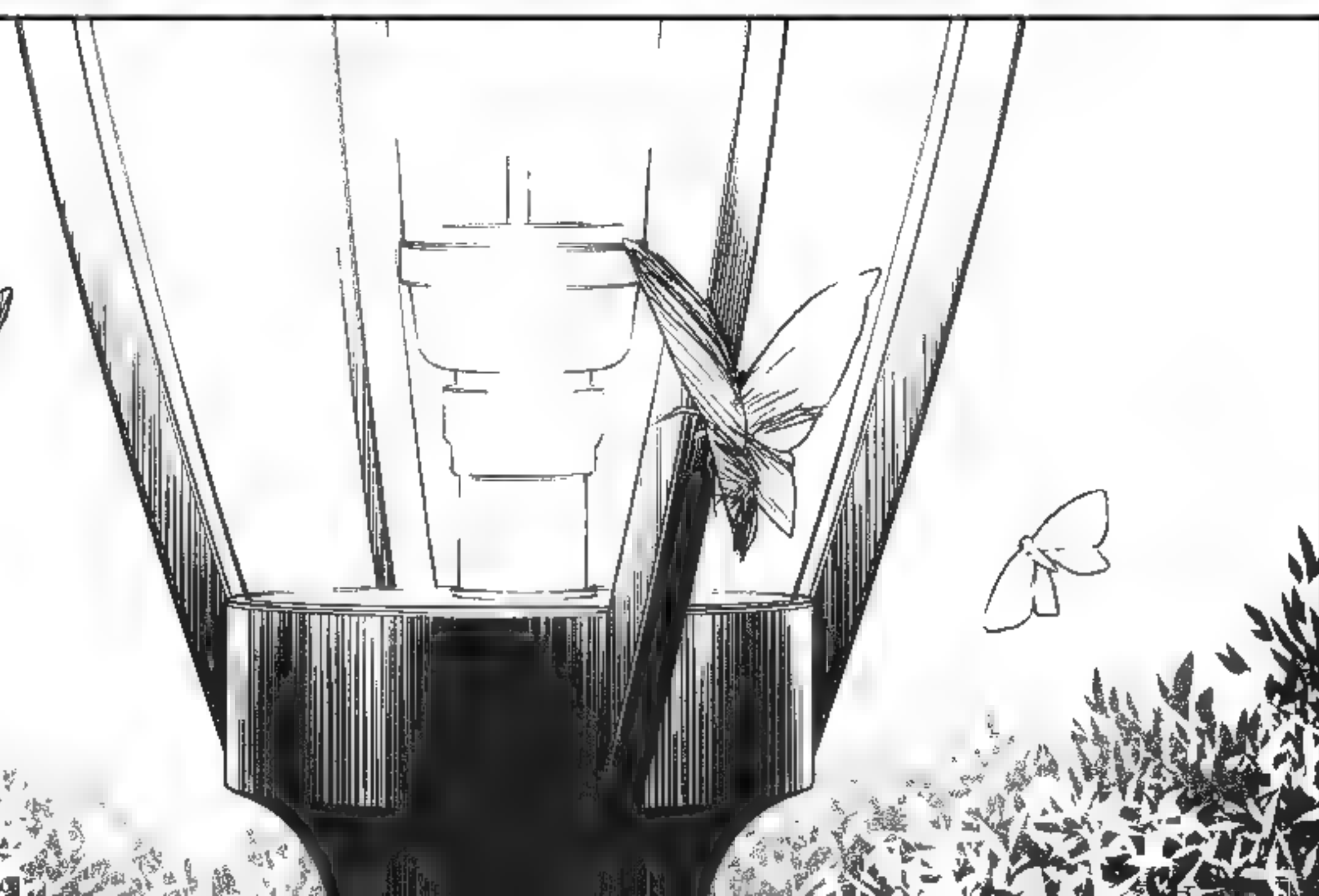
THAT'S  
PINK!

SHIT!  
WHAT'S  
A TOP  
RANGER  
FORCE  
MEMBER  
DOING  
HERE...?



YOU  
REALLY  
HAVE  
GROWN.

HIBIKI.





THE  
THOUGHT  
OF IT STILL  
SENDS  
SHIVERS  
DOWN MY  
SPINE.

I COULDN'T  
BELIEVE THAT  
REBELLIOUS  
LOOK IN  
YOUR EYES.

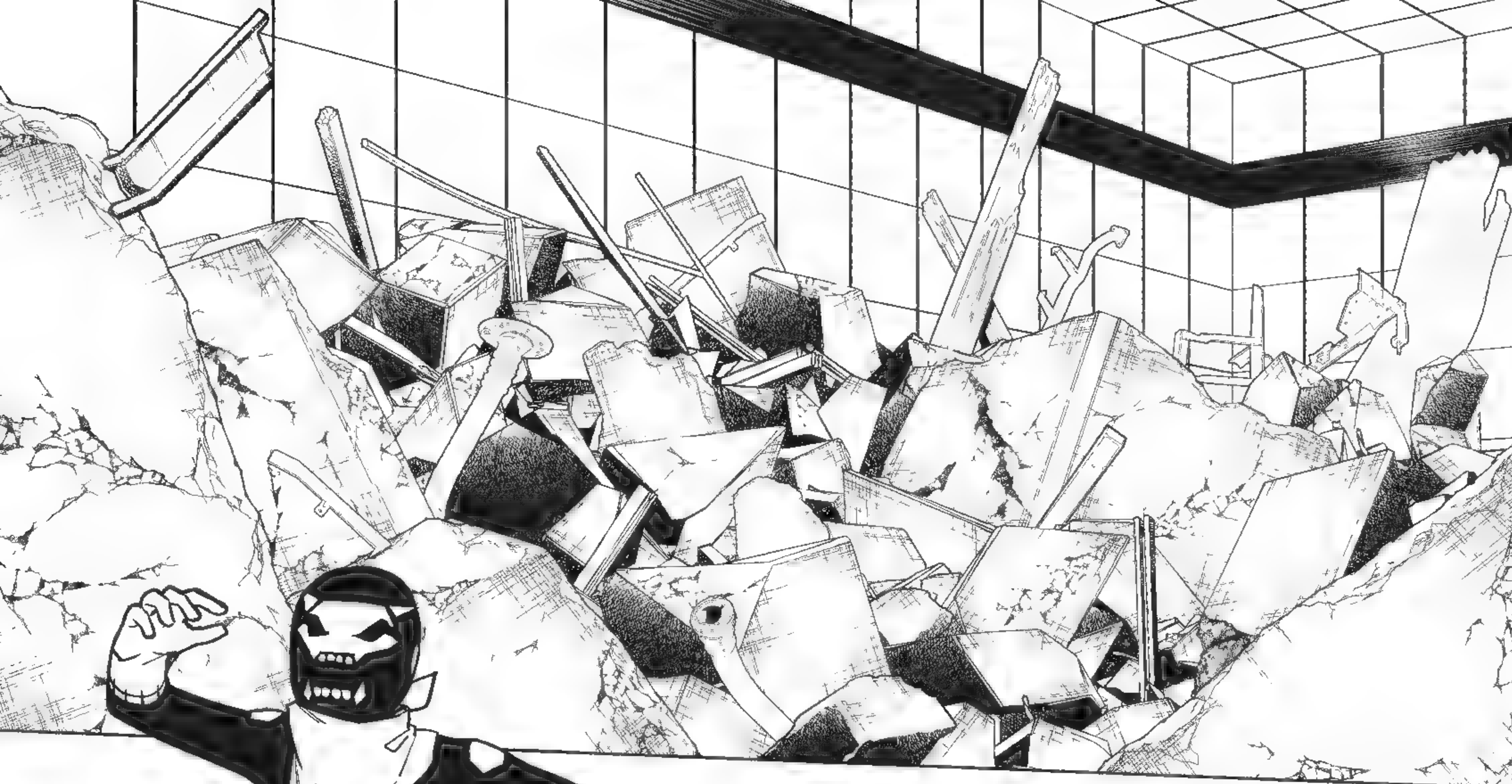
YOU'VE  
MADE  
YOUR BIG  
SISTER  
PROUD.

IT SEEMS  
THAT GIRLS  
ARE JUST AS  
LIKELY TO  
SURPRISE YOU  
AS BOYS.

OH,  
HIBIKI!







SKREEE!

WE'RE ATTACKING  
FROM THE RIGHT,  
SO YOU COME  
FROM THE LEFT!

ONE OF THE  
WEAKLINGS  
GOT AWAY!  
IT'S HEADING  
YOUR WAY!

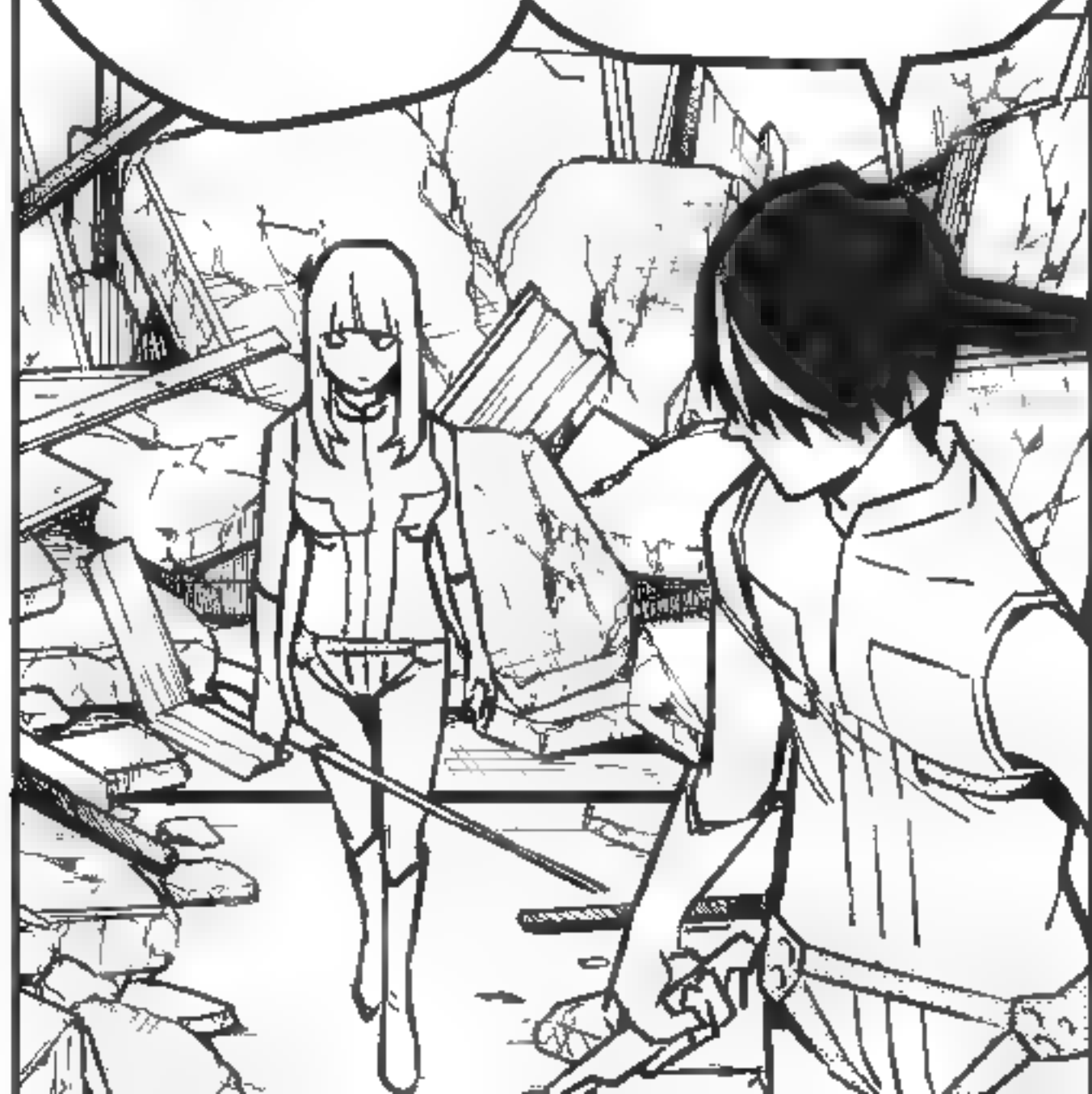
HEEEY!

SHALL WE  
GO FROM  
THE LEFT,  
YUKINO-  
SAN?

WE CAN  
PINCH THEM  
IF WE GO  
THIS WAY.

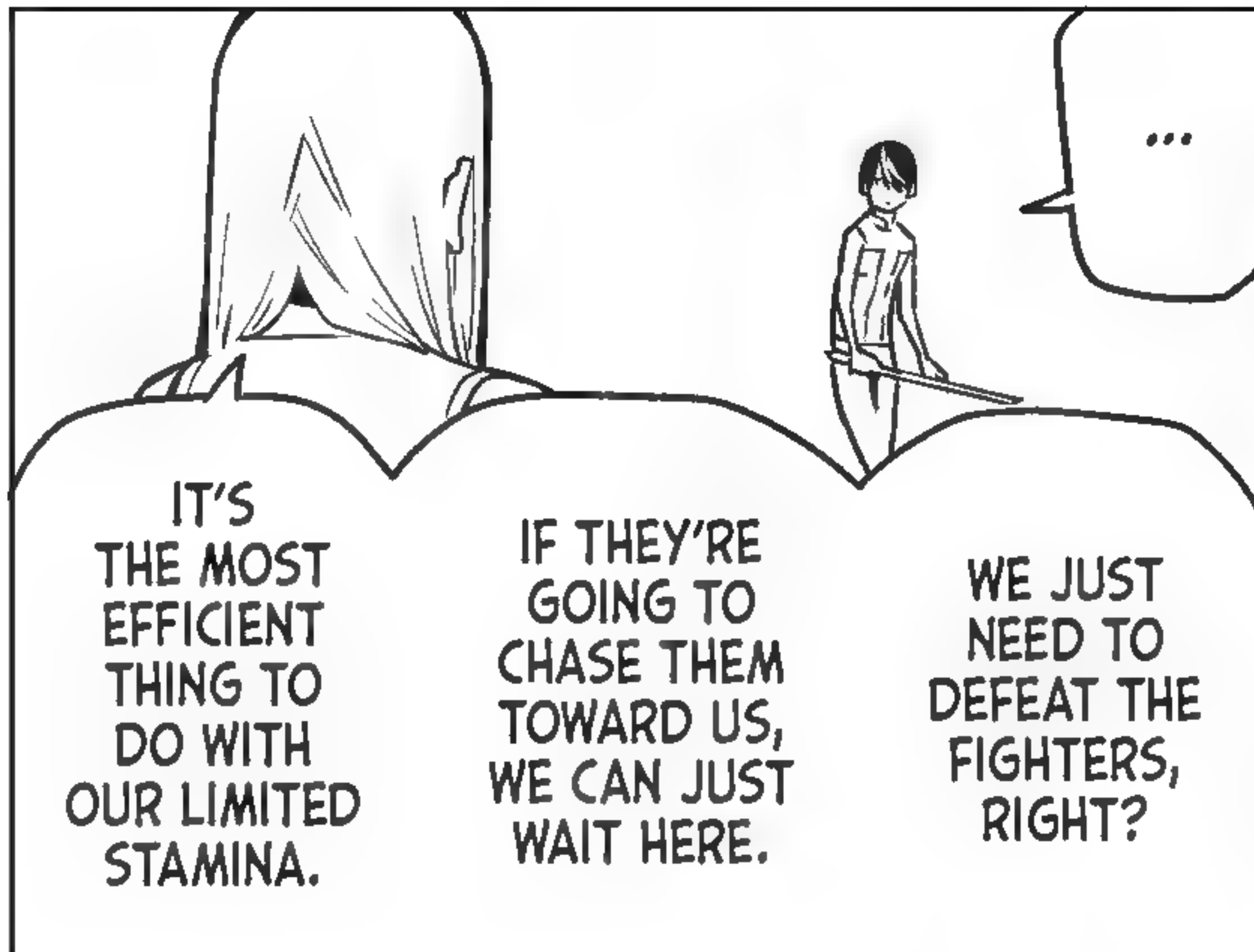
HOW  
DO YOU STILL  
HAVE THIS MUCH  
ENERGY AFTER  
ALL THESE DAYS  
OF TRAINING IN  
A ROW...?

REALLY...?



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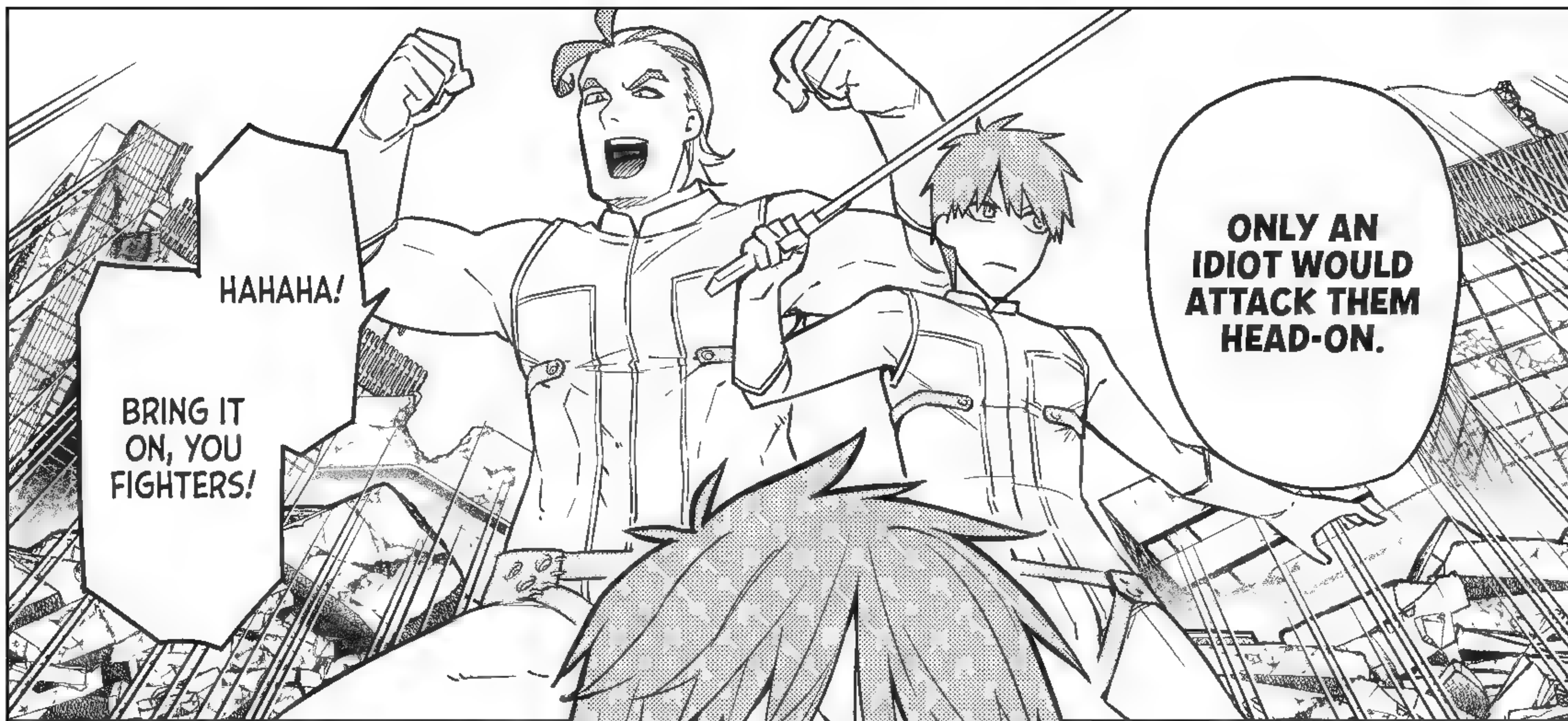
IT'S  
THE MOST  
EFFICIENT  
THING TO  
DO WITH  
OUR LIMITED  
STAMINA.

IF THEY'RE  
GOING TO  
CHASE THEM  
TOWARD US,  
WE CAN JUST  
WAIT HERE.

WE JUST  
NEED TO  
DEFEAT THE  
FIGHTERS,  
RIGHT?



**DON'T  
ORDER ME  
AROUND.**



**HAHAHA!**

**BRING IT  
ON, YOU  
FIGHTERS!**

**ONLY AN  
IDIOT WOULD  
ATTACK THEM  
HEAD-ON.**



**YEAH,  
BRING IT  
ON!**

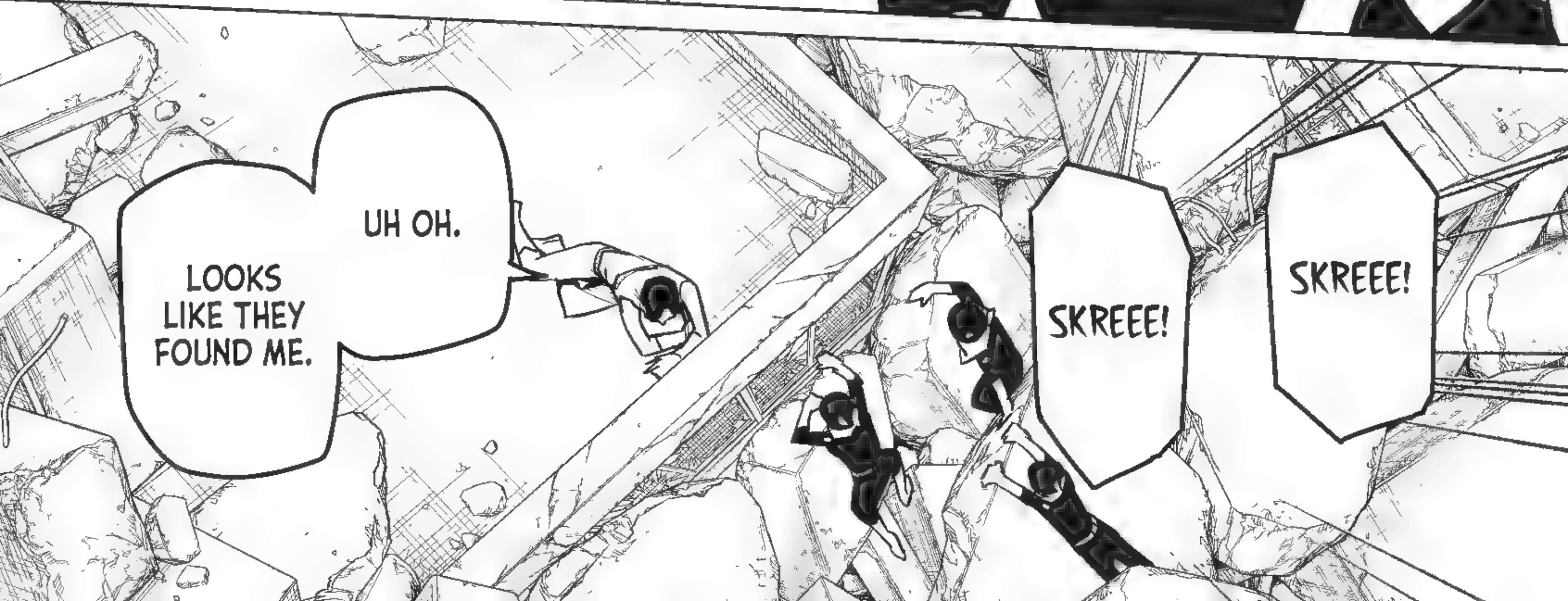
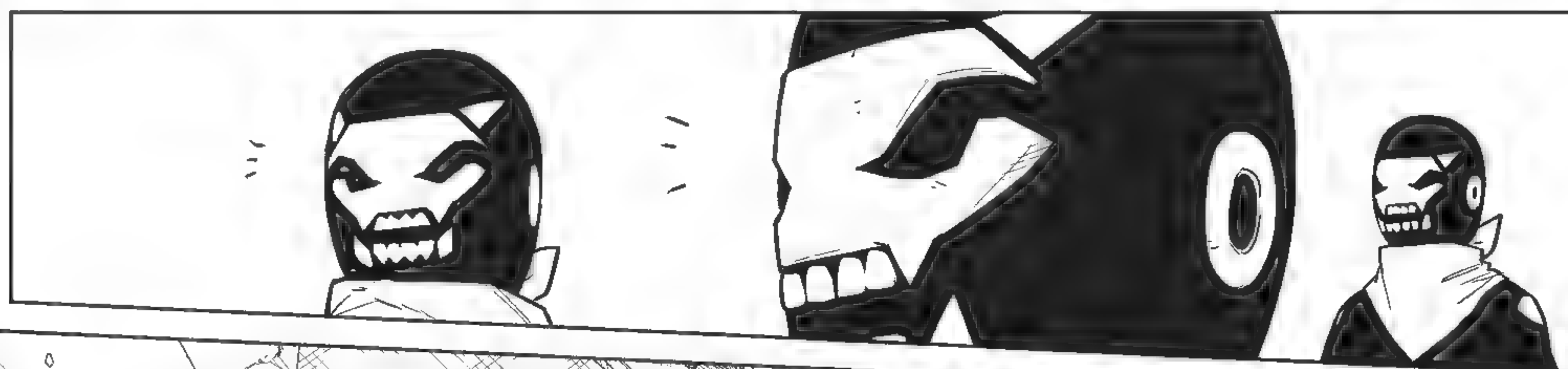
**H  
R  
A  
A  
A  
G  
H!**



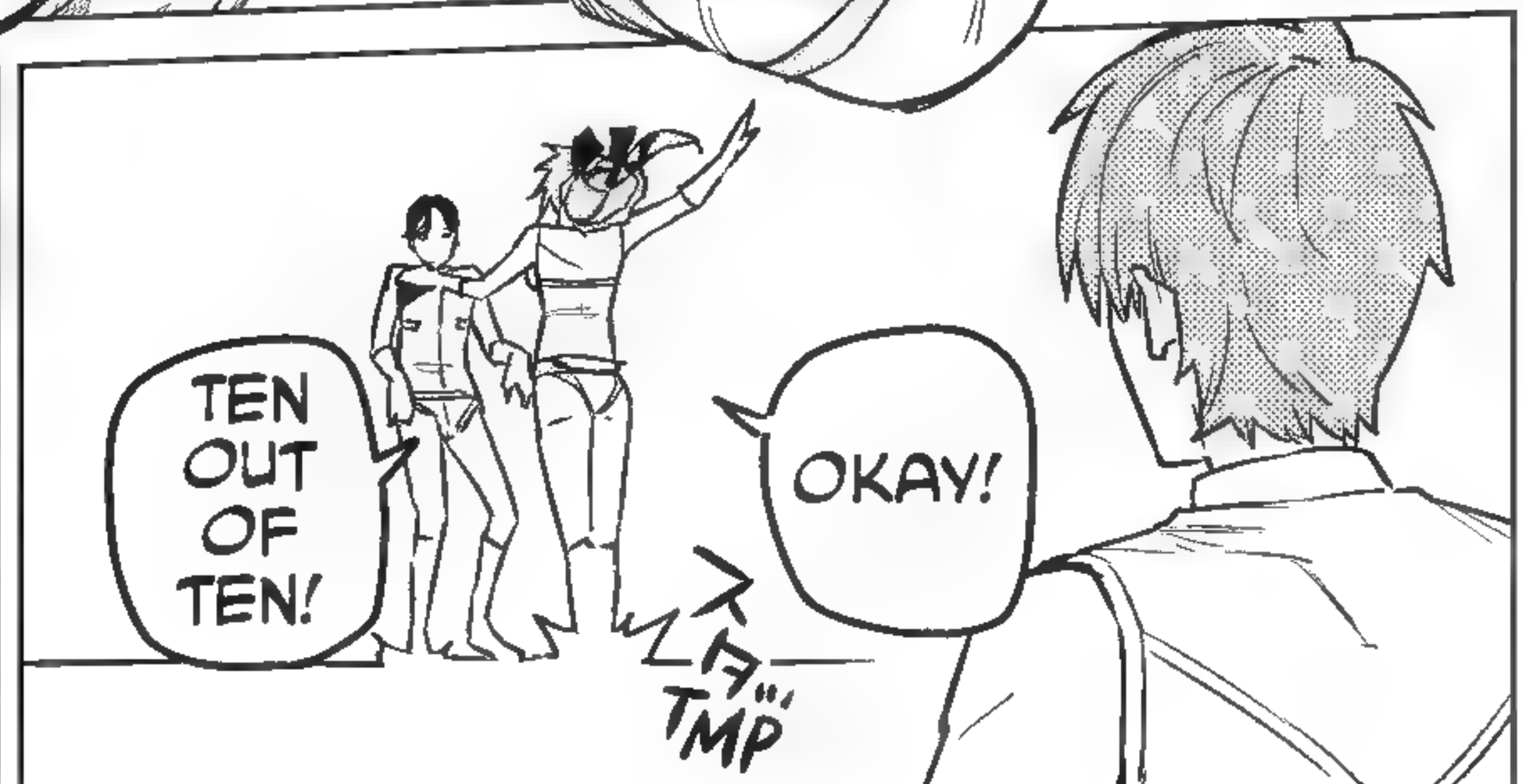
**I'LL DO  
THIS TRAINING  
EVEN IF IT  
MEANS GOING  
AGAINST  
FIGHTERS!**

**I CAN'T KEEP  
HESITATING!**













IF THIS IS  
THE FINAL EXAM,  
HOW ARE THEY  
GRADING US?

THEY'RE  
JUST MAKING  
US BATTLE  
FIGHTERS DAY  
AFTER DAY  
UNTIL WE'RE  
EXHAUSTED...

DON'T  
FEEL TOO  
DISHEART-  
ENED,  
SAKURAMA!

IF ANYTHING,  
YOU'VE  
IMPROVED  
SINCE THE  
FIRST DAY.



DAMN.  
I WASN'T  
ABLE TO DO  
A THING...

OH, IT WAS  
NOTHING.

I FEEL  
ASHAMED.

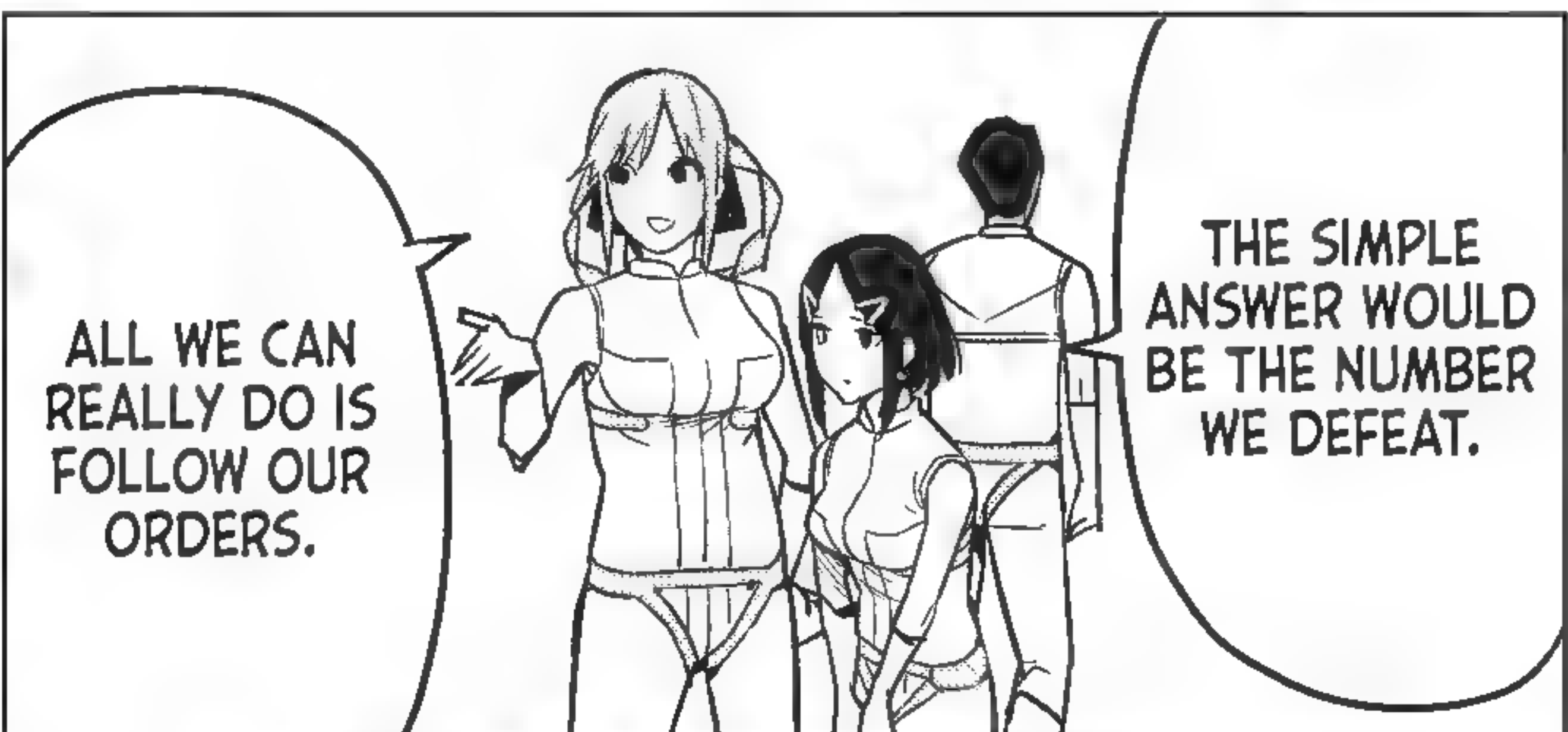


I HAVE TO  
SAY, IS THIS  
REALLY IT?



WELL.

EXCEPT  
FOR ONE  
OF US...



ALL WE CAN  
REALLY DO IS  
FOLLOW OUR  
ORDERS.

THE SIMPLE  
ANSWER WOULD  
BE THE NUMBER  
WE DEFEAT.



YOU'RE  
REPEATING  
THE TRAINING,  
AREN'T YOU?

OH,  
RIGHT.

UM...  
WHY  
ME...?



BA-  
DUMP

ISN'T  
THAT  
RIGHT?

ISHIKAWA-  
SAAAN.





HAH...

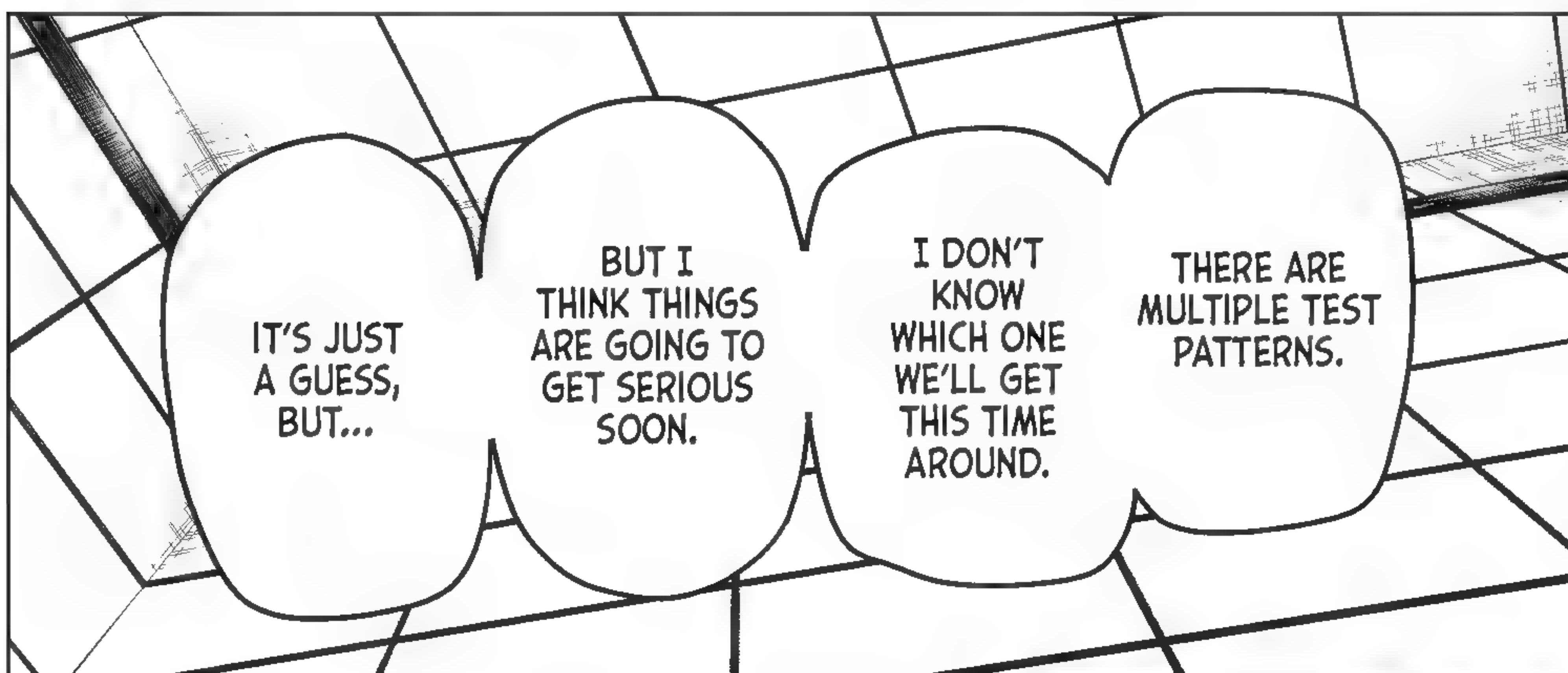
OH,  
C'MON...



SHOULD YOU  
REALLY BE  
HOARDING  
INFORMATION  
LIKE THAT?

YOU  
KNOW, AS  
AN ALLY OF  
JUSTICE?

MAN,  
THAT'S NO  
FAIR.

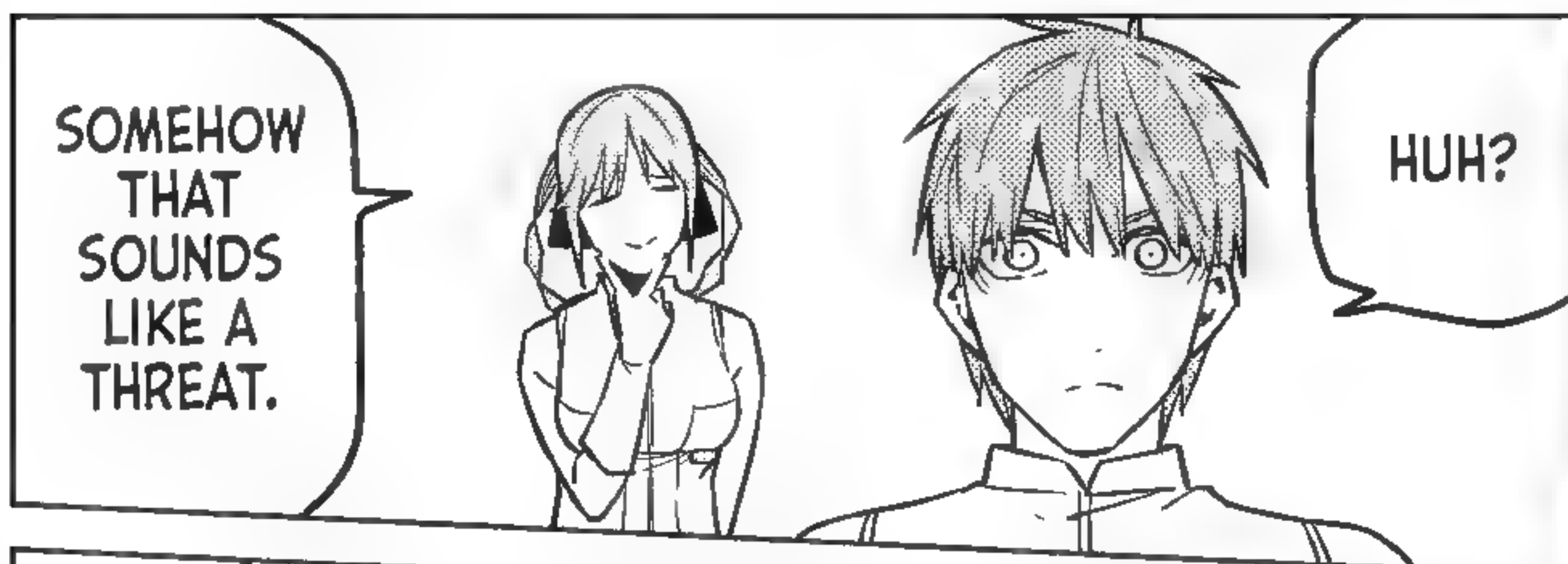


IT'S JUST  
A GUESS,  
BUT...

BUT I  
THINK THINGS  
ARE GOING TO  
GET SERIOUS  
SOON.

I DON'T  
KNOW  
WHICH ONE  
WE'LL GET  
THIS TIME  
AROUND.

THERE ARE  
MULTIPLE TEST  
PATTERNS.

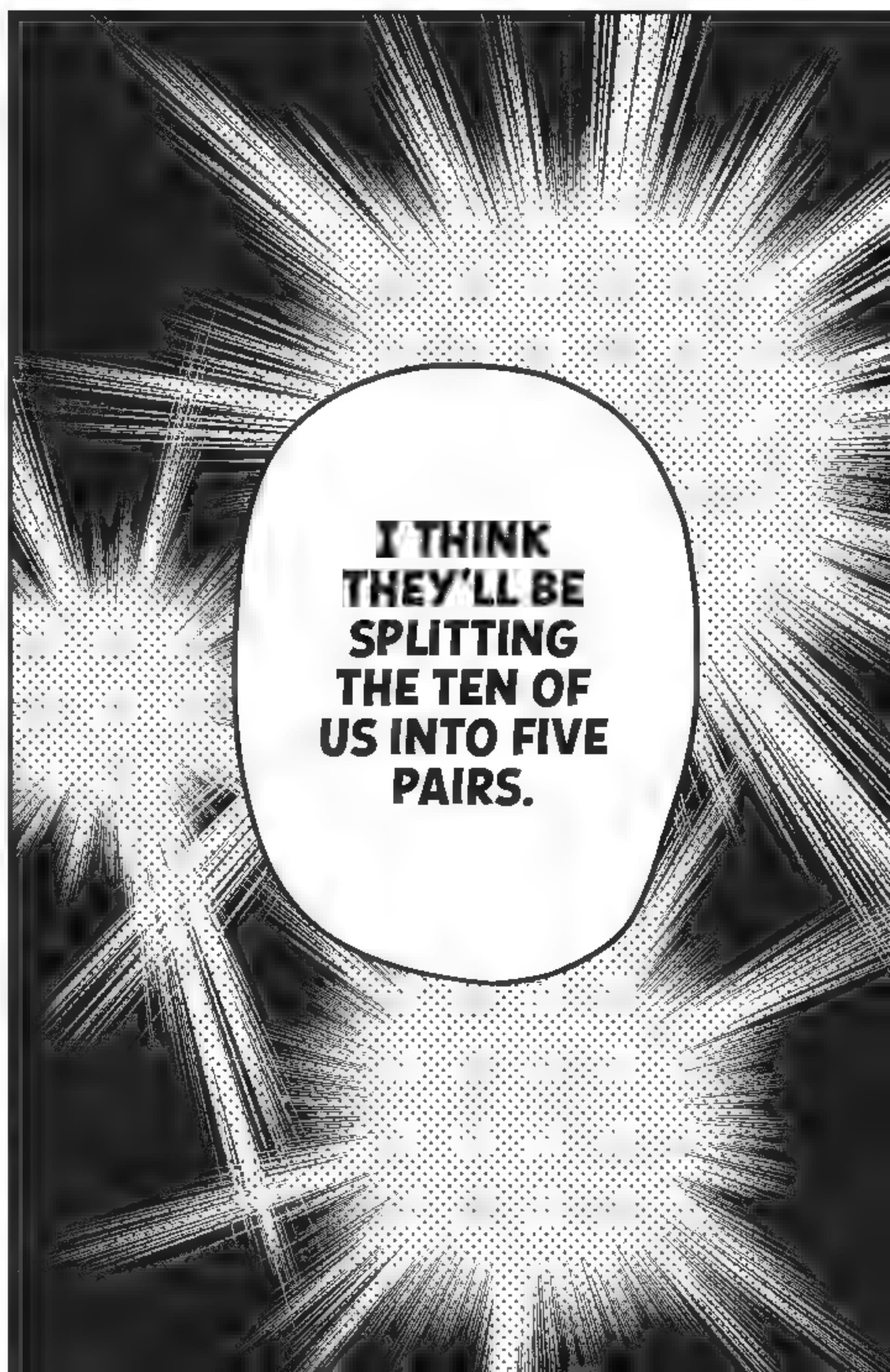


SOMEHOW  
THAT  
SOUNDS  
LIKE A  
THREAT.

HUH?

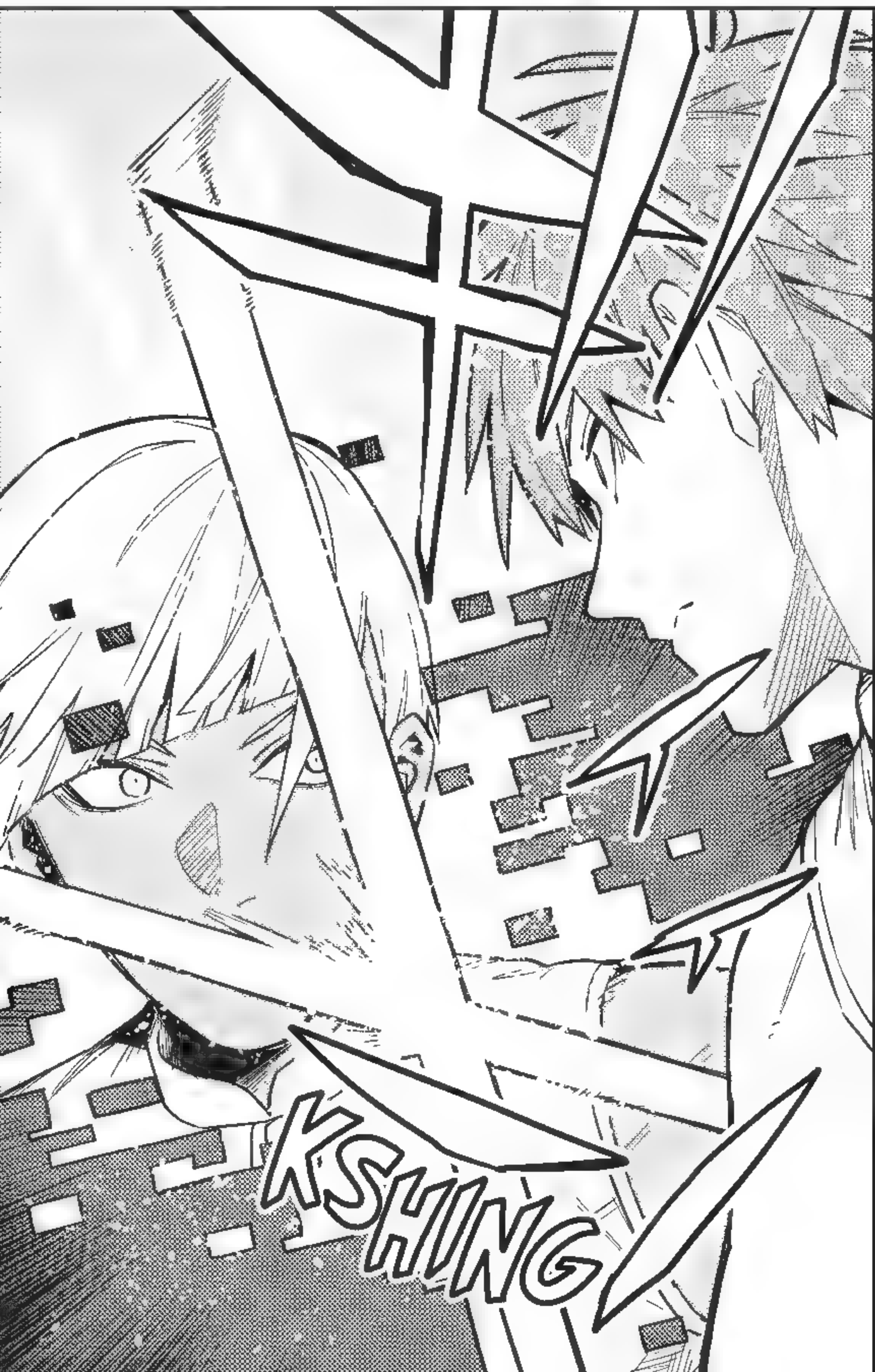


HEY! DON'T  
JUST STAND  
AROUND DOING  
NOTHING!

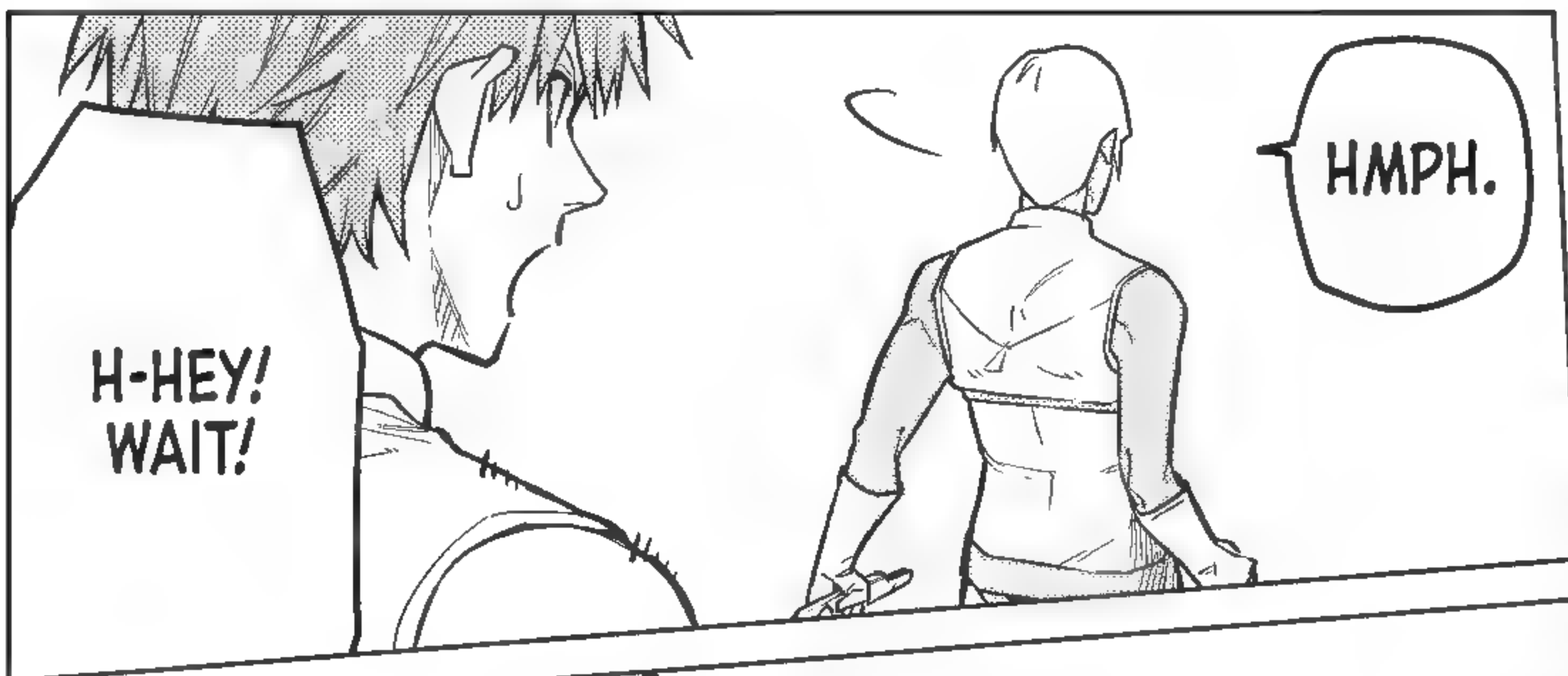


I THINK  
THEY'LL BE  
SPLITTING  
THE TEN OF  
US INTO FIVE  
PAIRS.









H-HEY!  
WAIT!

HMPH.



YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
BE STEALING  
GLORY OUT  
FROM UNDER  
PEOPLE!

I SAID I'D  
GET THAT  
ONE!

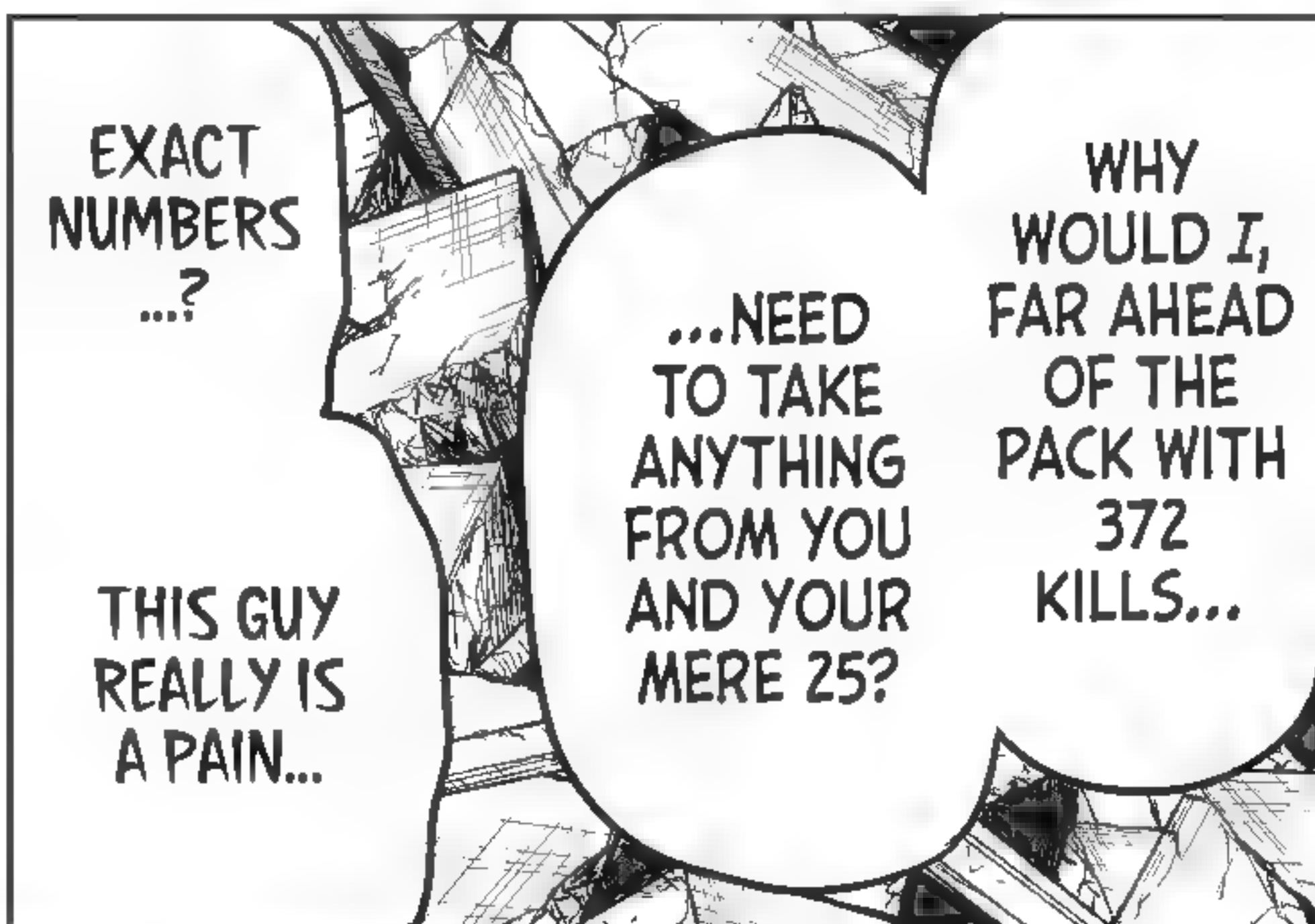


**THAT'S  
ENOUGH!**



IF I KEEP  
TALKING TO  
YOU LIKE  
THIS...

ARE YOU  
DONE?



EXACT  
NUMBERS  
...?

THIS GUY  
REALLY IS  
A PAIN...

...NEED  
TO TAKE  
ANYTHING  
FROM YOU  
AND YOUR  
MERE 25?

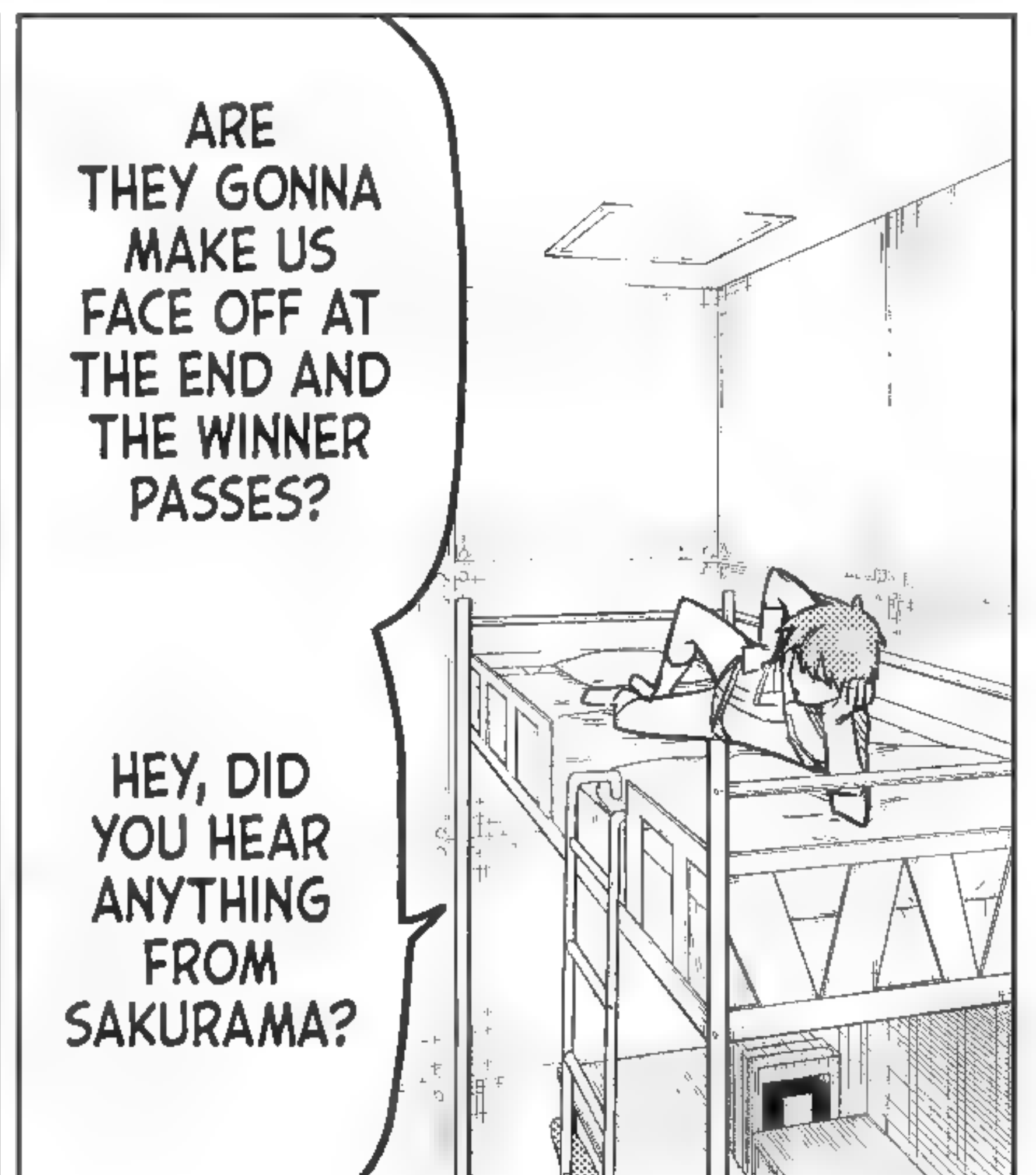
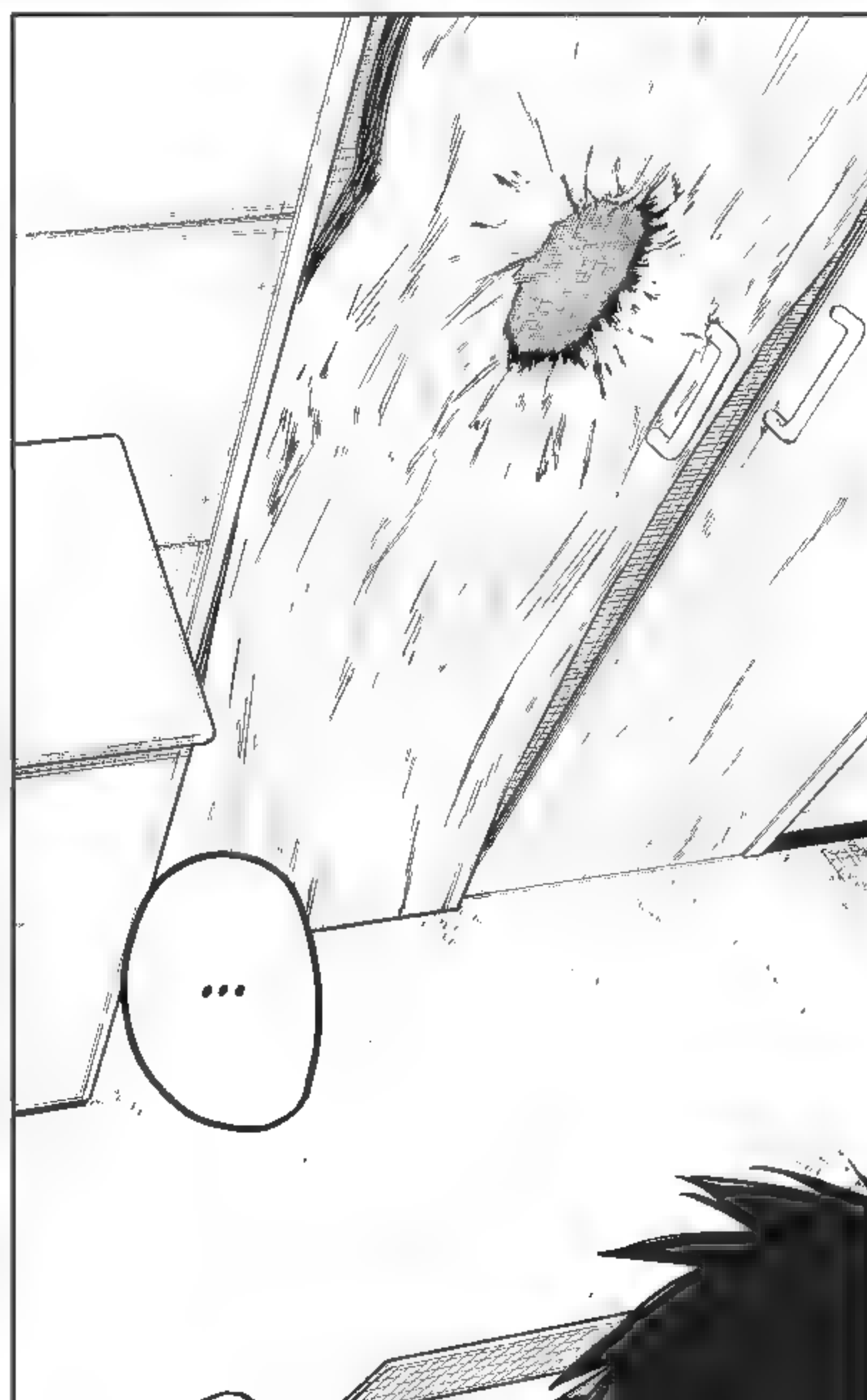
WHY  
WOULD I,  
FAR AHEAD  
OF THE  
PACK WITH  
372  
KILLS...



OH YEAH?  
HOW,  
EXACTLY?

...I FEEL  
LIKE I MIGHT  
SNAP. THAT  
NUMBER'S  
GONNA GO  
UP BY ONE.







SHE'S  
NAMED  
FIGHTER-

PLEASE  
TAKE CARE  
OF HER.

DEAR FIGHTER-KUN,

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER.

SHE'S NAMED FIGHTER

...IT  
CONTAINED  
A LETTER  
FROM  
SAKURAMA.

SURPRISINGLY,  
WHEN I OPENED  
THAT BOX TO  
PUT HER HEAD  
INSIDE...

!!  
FIGHTER XX

DIE SO  
HARD YOUR  
IMMORTALITY  
FAILS.

DIE.

TRASH.

DON'T USE  
THAT NAME SO  
FRIVOLOUSLY.

XX.

THE  
THOUGHT  
THAT YOU'RE  
A FIGHTER  
JUST LIKE  
ME IS  
REPULSIVE.

I HOPE  
I FIGHT  
SOMEONE  
WEAK.

OUR TOP  
PRIORITY  
SHOULD BE  
ME MAKING  
IT THROUGH  
THE FINAL  
EXAM.

YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND MY  
POSITION,  
DON'T  
YOU?

WE SHOULD  
GET ALONG  
AS FELLOW  
FIGHTERS.





SHIPPOU IS...  
A STRONG  
FIGHTER, BUT  
SLOW-WITTED.

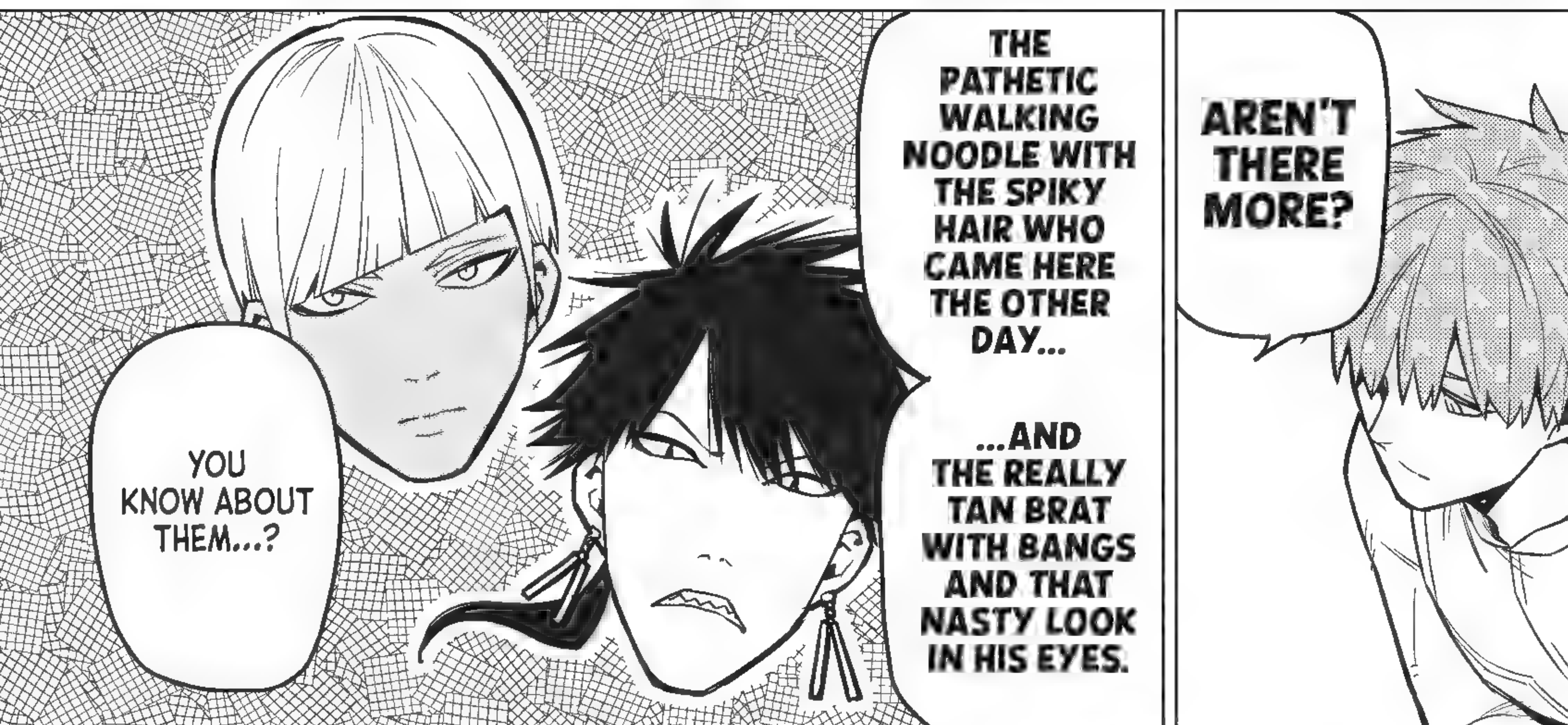
AND AKE-  
BAYASHI.

YUKINO.

ISHIKAWA.

SOME  
AREN'T AS  
STRONG AS  
OTHERS.

BASED ON  
WHAT I SAW  
THIS WEEK, I  
NEED TO LOOK  
OUT FOR...



YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
THEM...?

THE  
PATHETIC  
WALKING  
NOODLE WITH  
THE SPIKY  
HAIR WHO  
CAME HERE  
THE OTHER  
DAY...

...AND  
THE REALLY  
TAN BRAT  
WITH BANGS  
AND THAT  
NASTY LOOK  
IN HIS EYES.

AREN'T  
THERE  
MORE?



JUST  
DON'T COME  
TO SOME KIND  
OF PATHETIC  
END.

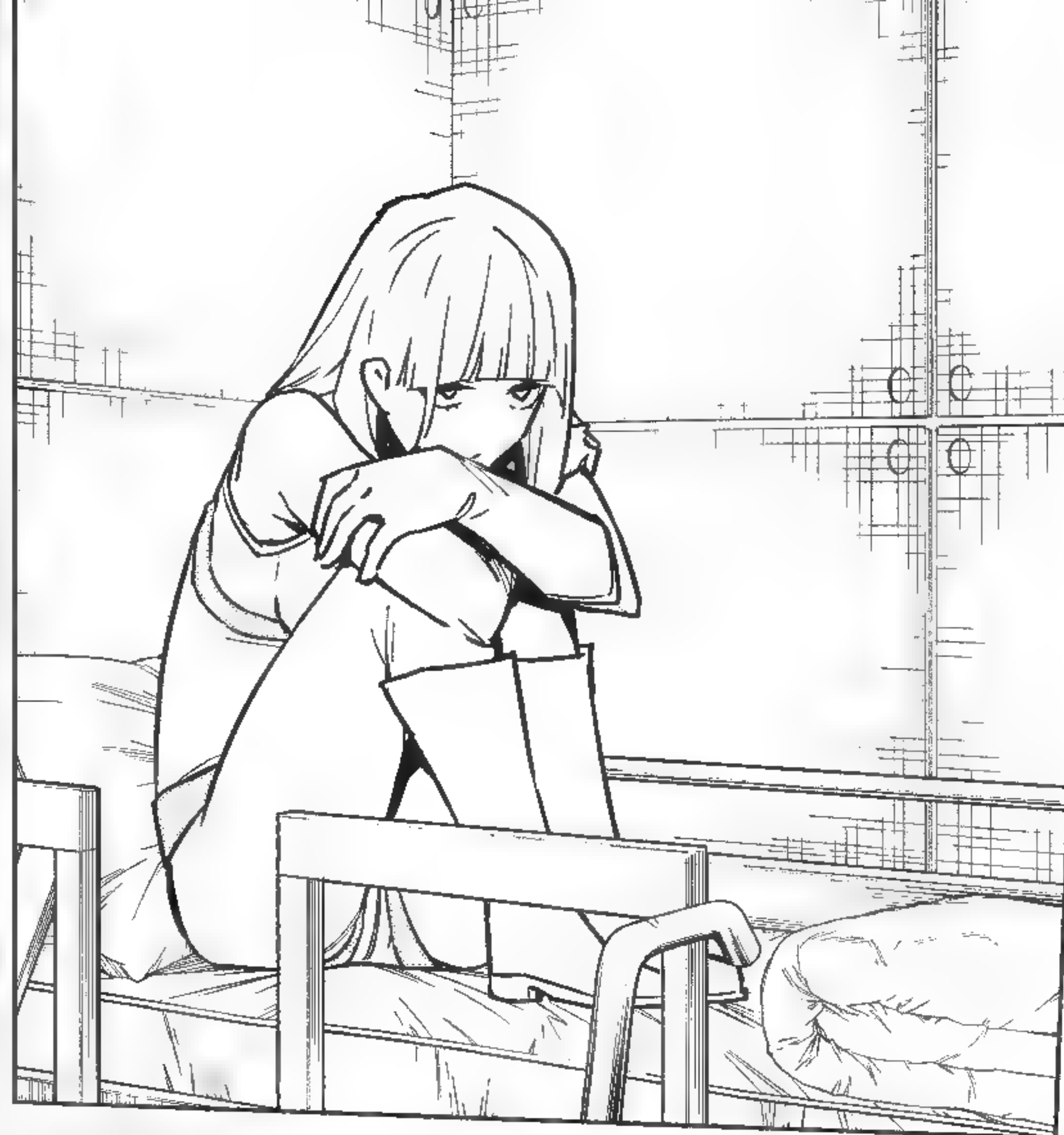
I MIGHT  
NEED TO NIP  
THEM IN THE  
BUD WHILE I  
STILL CAN.

THEY LACK  
EXPERIENCE,  
BUT THEY MAY  
SOMEDAY POSE  
A THREAT TO  
MONSTERS.

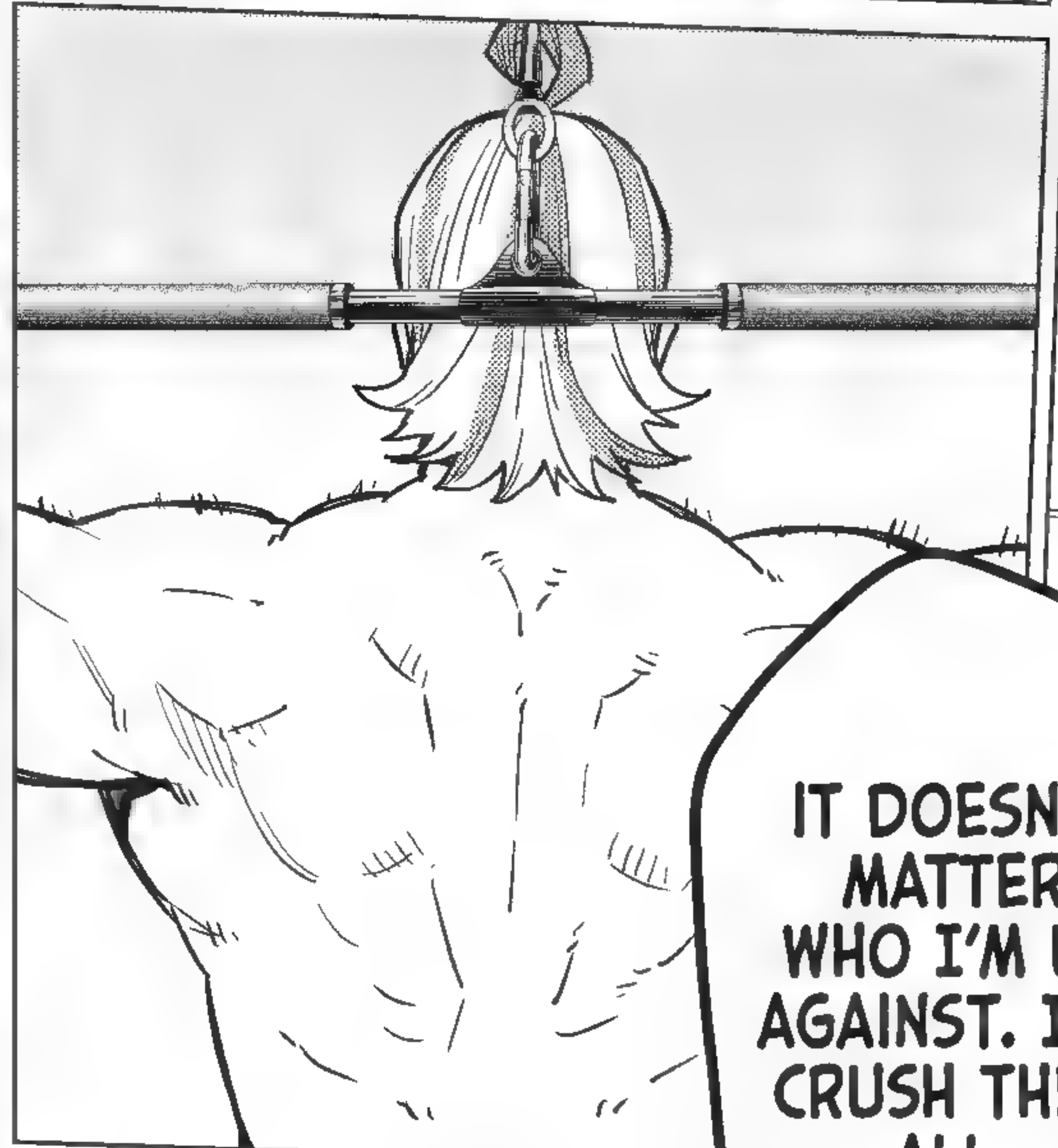
WE'RE  
MONSTERS.

IT'S FINE  
TO PRETEND  
TO BE THEIR  
FRIEND, BUT  
DON'T  
FORGET...





ALL  
SURFACE-  
DWELLERS  
ARE MY  
ENEMIES.



IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHO I'M UP  
AGAINST. I'LL  
CRUSH THEM  
ALL.



HOW  
COULD I  
FORGET?

I'VE BEEN  
HUMILIATED BY  
THEM FOR OVER  
A DECADE.





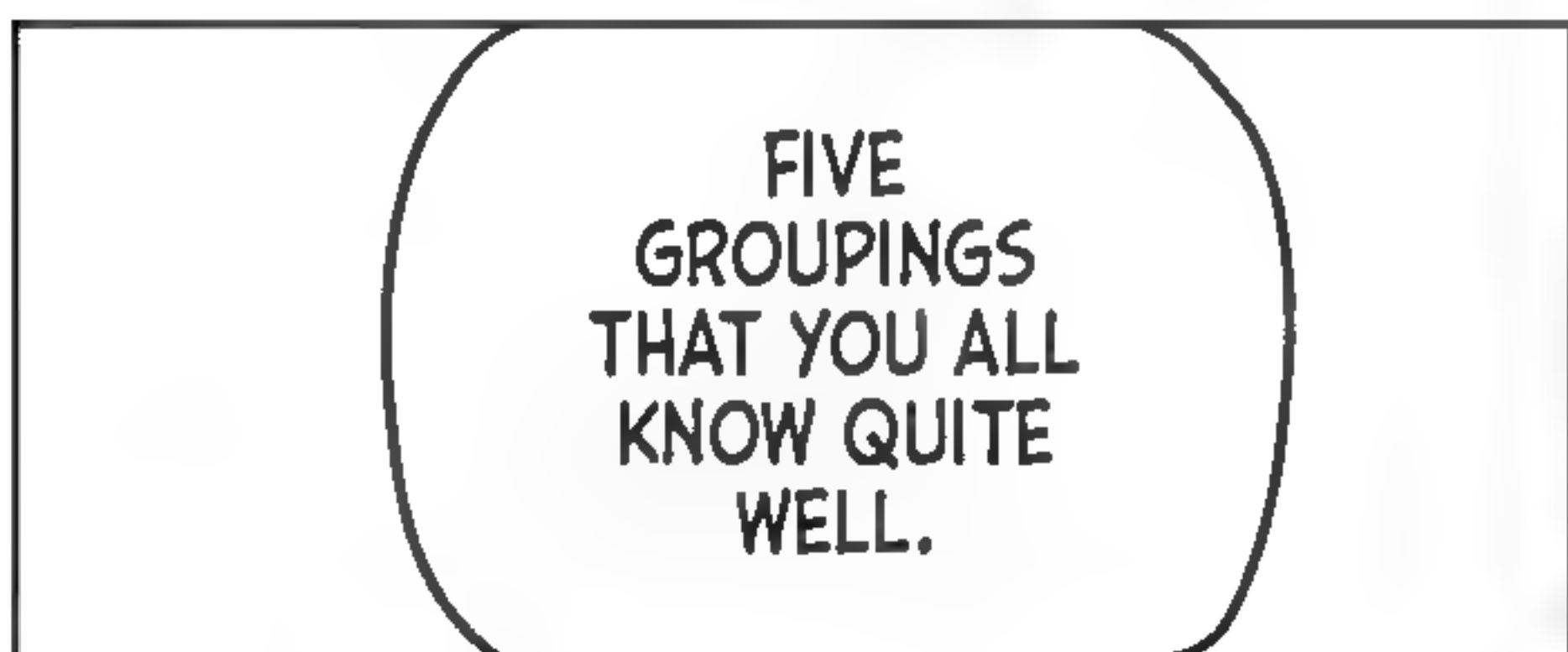
YOU'VE BEEN  
SPLIT INTO FIVE  
TYPES BASED ON  
YOUR EARLIER  
TRAINING.

I'LL NOW  
EXPLAIN THE  
RULES OF THE  
FINAL EXAM.



FIVE?

SO THESE  
ARE THE  
PAIRS...



FIVE  
GROUPINGS  
THAT YOU ALL  
KNOW QUITE  
WELL.



ME? AS  
SUPPORT?

OOH...  
SO THAT'S  
HOW IT IS.

FIRST OFF,  
REAR-GUARD  
SUPPORT  
SPECIALISTS.

PINK  
SQUAD.





I THOUGHT  
THIS MIGHT  
HAPPEN...

IT'S NOT  
LIKE I SIT IN  
THE SHADOWS  
BECAUSE I  
WANT TO OR  
ANYTHING.

**GREEN  
SQUAD.**

**STEALTH  
SPECIALISTS  
WHO ATTACK  
FROM THE  
SHADOWS.**



DON'T GO  
THINKING  
WE'RE  
ANYTHING  
ALIKE.

HEAR THAT,  
YUKINO-SAN?  
WE'RE THE  
BACKBONE. I  
COULD BLUSH.

**YELLOW  
SQUAD.**

**THE  
BRAINS OF THE  
OPERATION  
WHO LACK  
STRENGTH  
BUT ACT AS  
THE RANGER  
FORCE'S  
BACKBONE.**

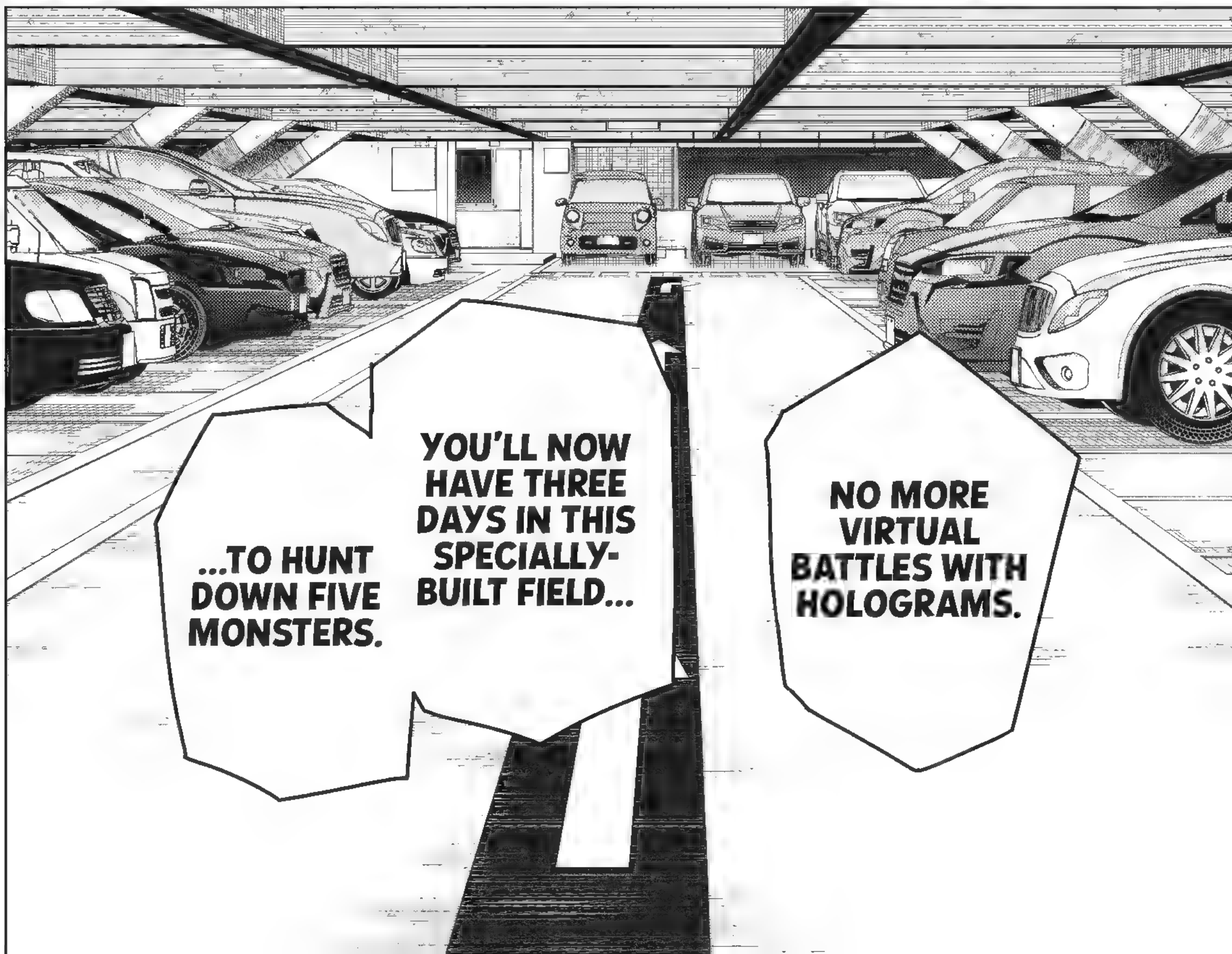
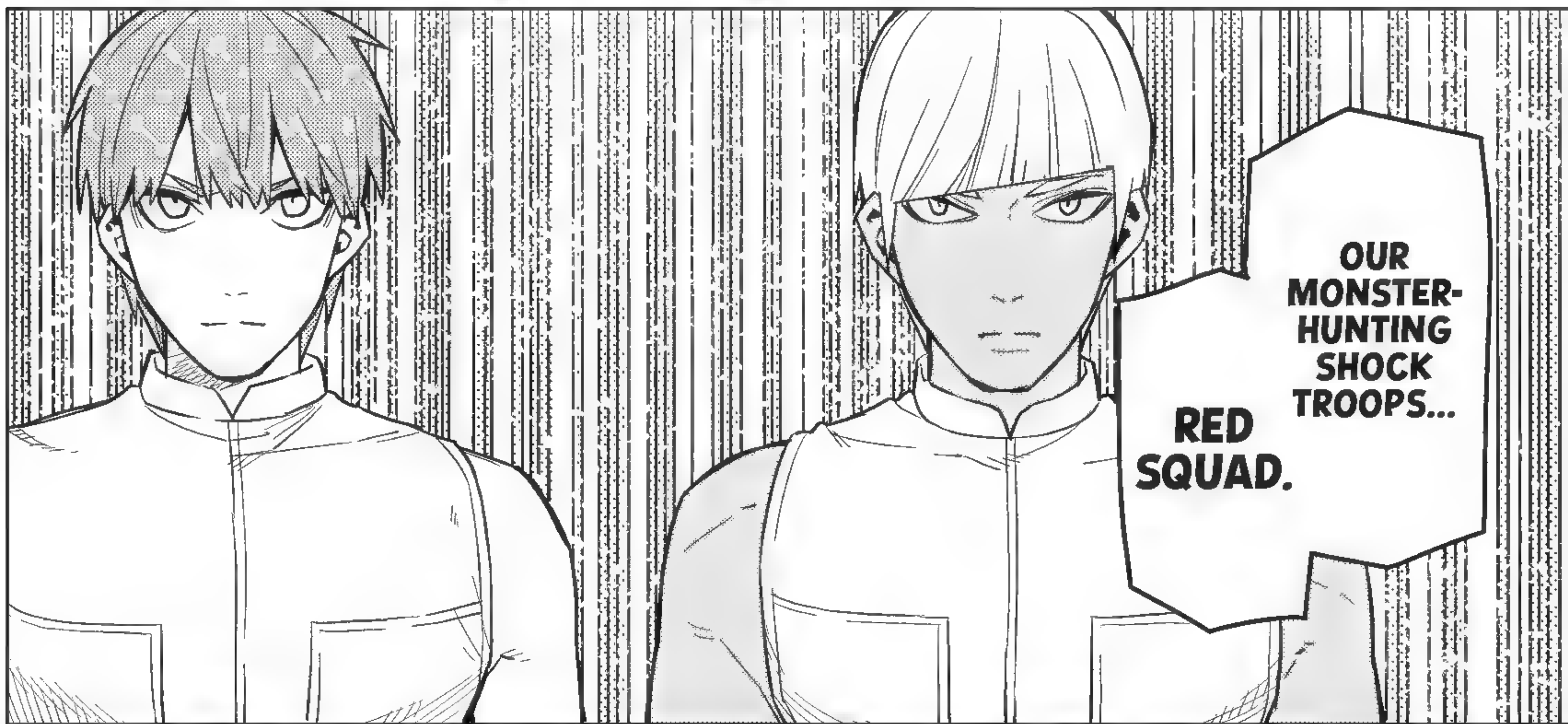


I GET  
THIS FAR  
ONLY TO  
BE PAIRED  
WITH YOU  
AGAIN?

**BLUE  
SQUAD.**

**MANAGERIAL  
SPECIALISTS  
WHO ARE  
BIG PICTURE  
THINKERS AND  
EXCEL AT CO-  
ORDINATING  
WITH ALLIES.**







**YOU  
CANDIDATES  
WILL HAVE TO  
COOPERATE.**

**COOPERATE.**

**TH-THERE  
ARE MONSTERS  
HERE?**

**DON'T WORRY.  
THESE ARE ACTIVE-  
DUTY RANGERS  
PLAYING  
MONSTERS.**

**EACH OF  
THEM HAS ONE  
OF FIVE KEYS  
CORRESPONDING  
TO YOUR  
COLORS.**

**THAT'S  
RIGHT. IN  
ORDER TO  
PASS...**

**WAIT,  
SO THAT  
MEANS...**

**SO IN OTHER  
WORDS, WE  
JUST NEED  
TO GET OUR  
COLOR'S KEY.**

**YEAH,  
I THINK  
IT'D GO  
SMOOTHER  
IF I WAS  
ON MY  
OWN.**

**...SO  
THAT'S  
HOW IT  
IS.**

**BUT  
I DON'T  
NEED YOU.  
YOU CAN  
JUST STAY  
OUTTA MY  
WAY.**



ARE WE  
FINALLY  
UP?

OOH!

...YOU CAN  
DEFEAT  
THEM.

OTHERWISE,  
THERE IS NO  
POSSIBLE  
WAY...

YOU NEED  
TO WORK  
TOGETHER.

REMEM-  
BER.

YOU'LL  
NOW BE  
FIGHTING  
A TEAM  
BATTLE.

AS  
JUNIOR FIRST  
RANKS, PART  
OF OUR JOB IS  
TO HELP SELECT  
CANDIDATES.

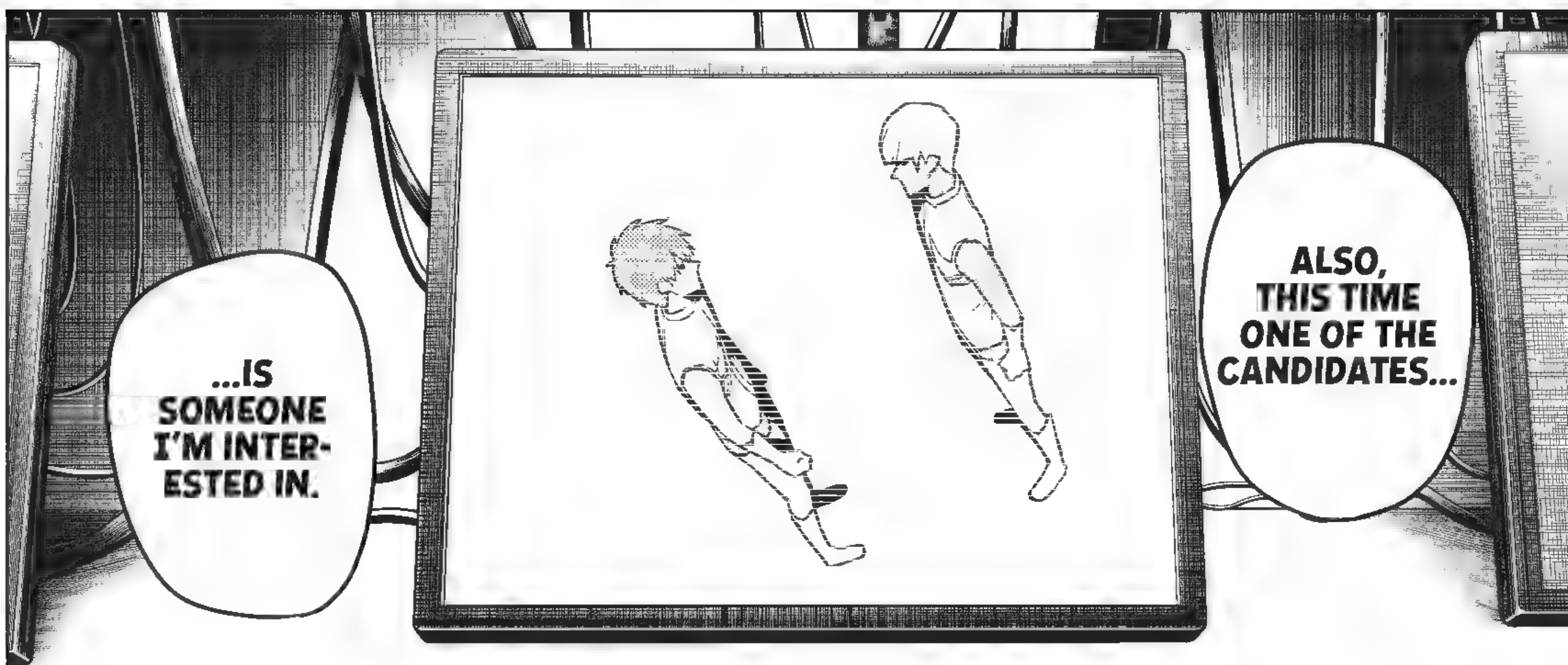
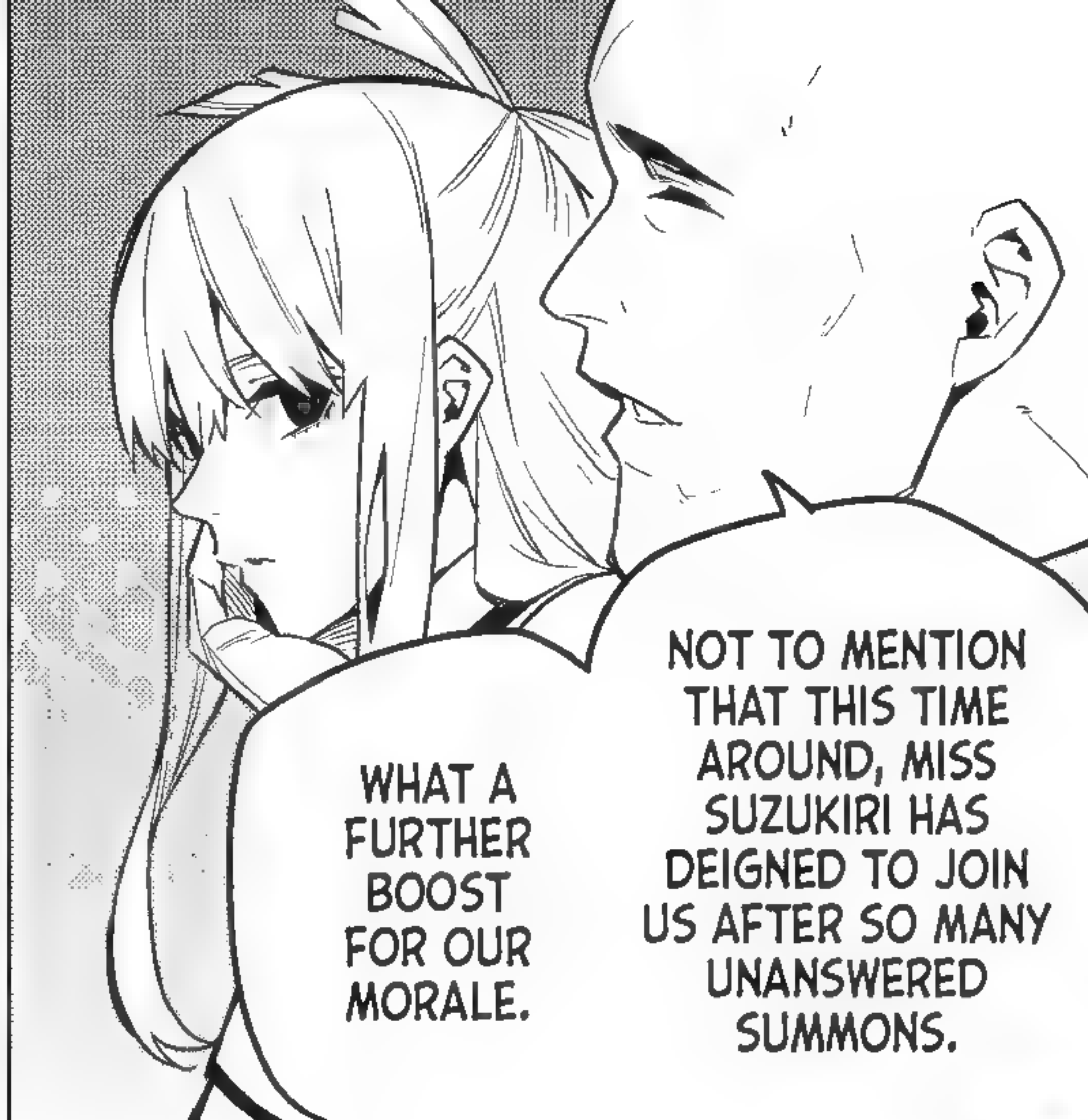
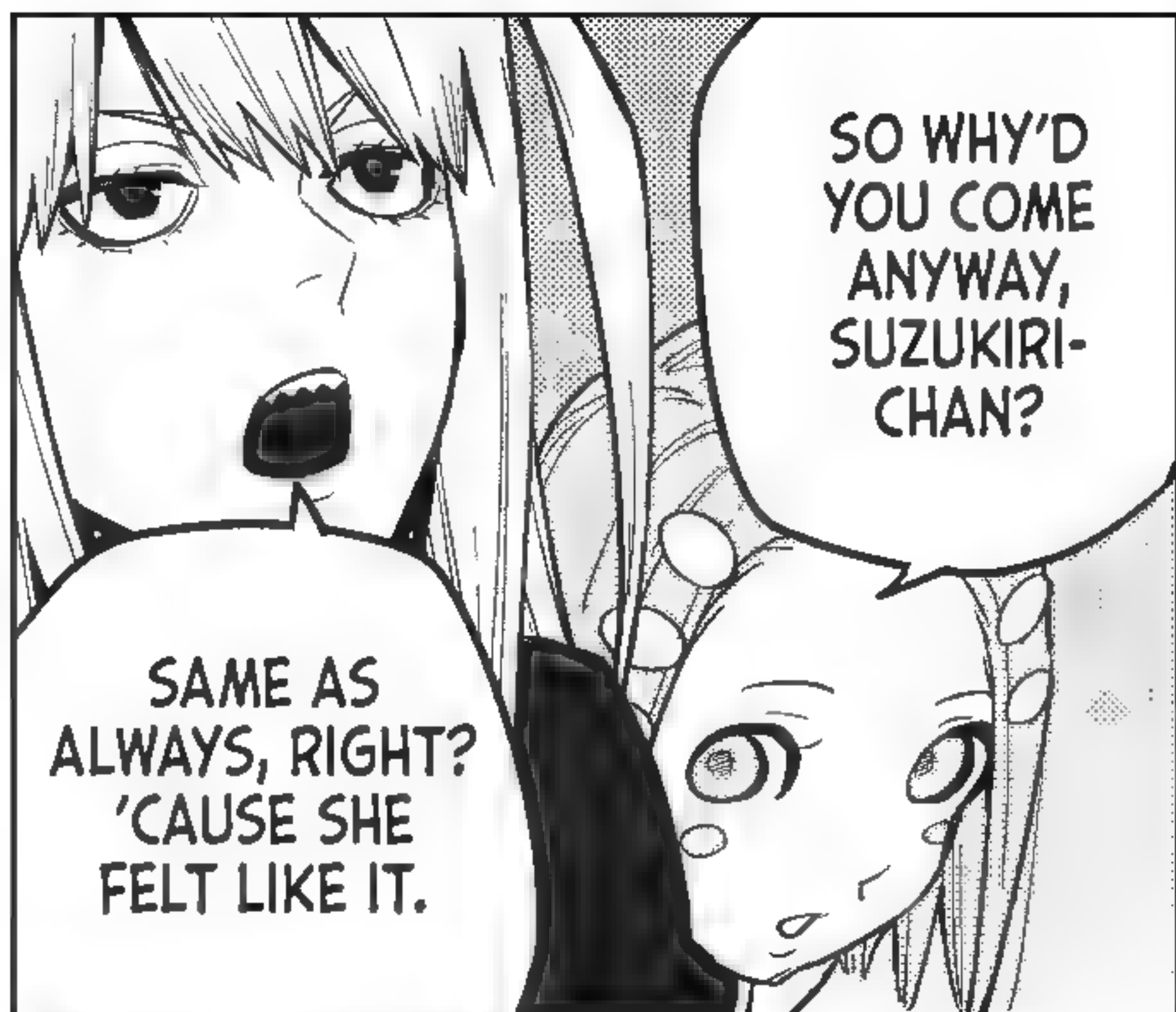
OH,  
DON'T SAY  
THAT.

JUST  
FLUNK  
'EM ALL.

UGH...  
WHAT A  
PAIN.

LET'S DO  
OUR BEST  
TO NOT LET  
THESE SUPER-  
ENTHUSIASTIC  
CANDIDATES  
OVERSHADOW  
US!







Chapter 18:  
**THE WHITE DRAGON'S TEST:  
 VS. THE RED MONSTER I**



THIS MAKES  
 ALL OF THE  
 JUNIOR FIRST  
 RANKS.

I'M  
 SURPRISED  
 YOU CAME,  
 SUZUKIRI-  
 CHAN.



THIS  
 IS SUCH  
 A PAIN IN  
 THE ASS!

WHAT A  
 PAIN!

WHY  
 DON'T WE  
 GO AND  
 TAKE OUR  
 PLACES?

COME NOW,  
 MISS HISUI.  
 LET'S GIVE  
 THIS YEAR'S  
 EXAM OUR  
 BEST AS WE  
 ALWAYS DO.



GREEN  
 SQUADRON  
 DOESN'T  
 INTEND ON  
 INCREASING  
 ITS NUMBERS  
 ANY FURTHER,  
 EITHER.

I DON'T  
 HAVE TIME  
 TO WASTE  
 ON A  
 BUNCH OF  
 COLORLESS  
 RECRUITS.

HEH. YOU  
 MIGHT BE A  
 LITTLE TOO  
 YOUNG TO  
 UNDERSTAND,  
 KOMACHI-  
 CHAN.

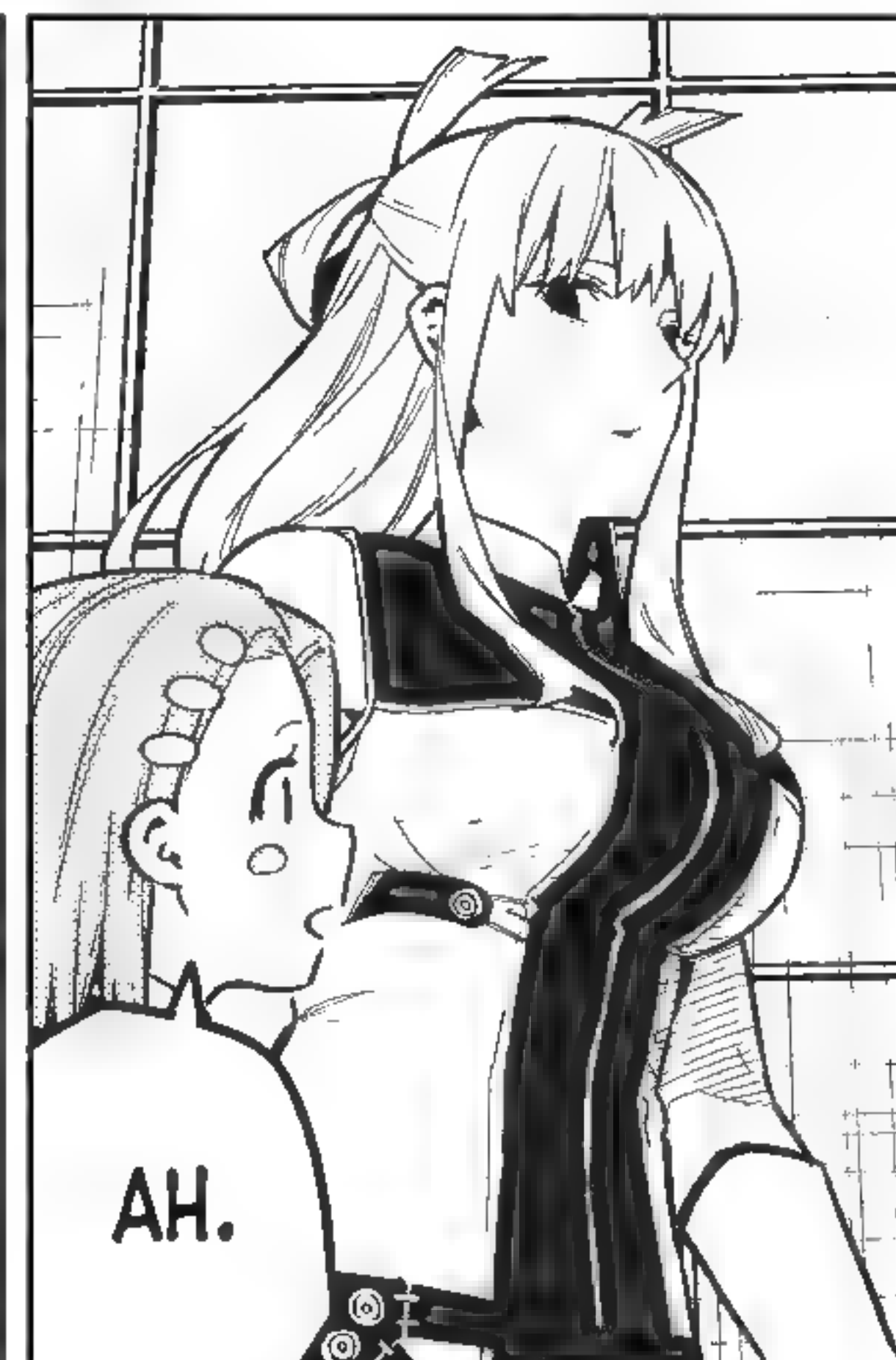
I-IS THIS...  
 A GROWN-  
 UP KIND OF  
 THING?



HUH?

IT'S TOO  
 BAD ABOUT  
 HIMURA-KUN.

I THOUGHT  
 HE WAS DOING  
 PRETTY WELL  
 FOR HIMSELF.



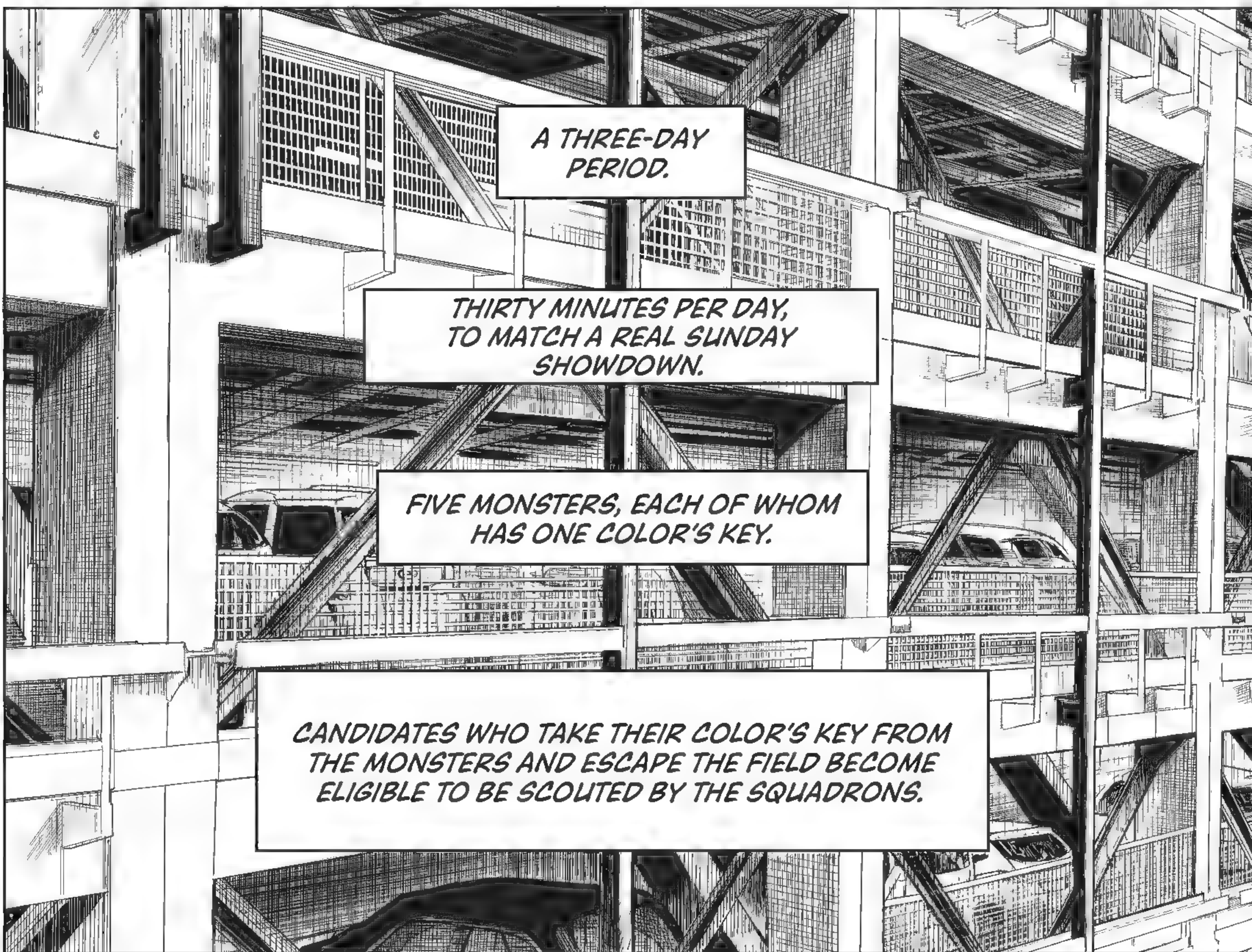
AH.





...SUBSTITUTE.

ANYWAY,  
LET'S  
DO OUR  
BEST...



A THREE-DAY  
PERIOD.

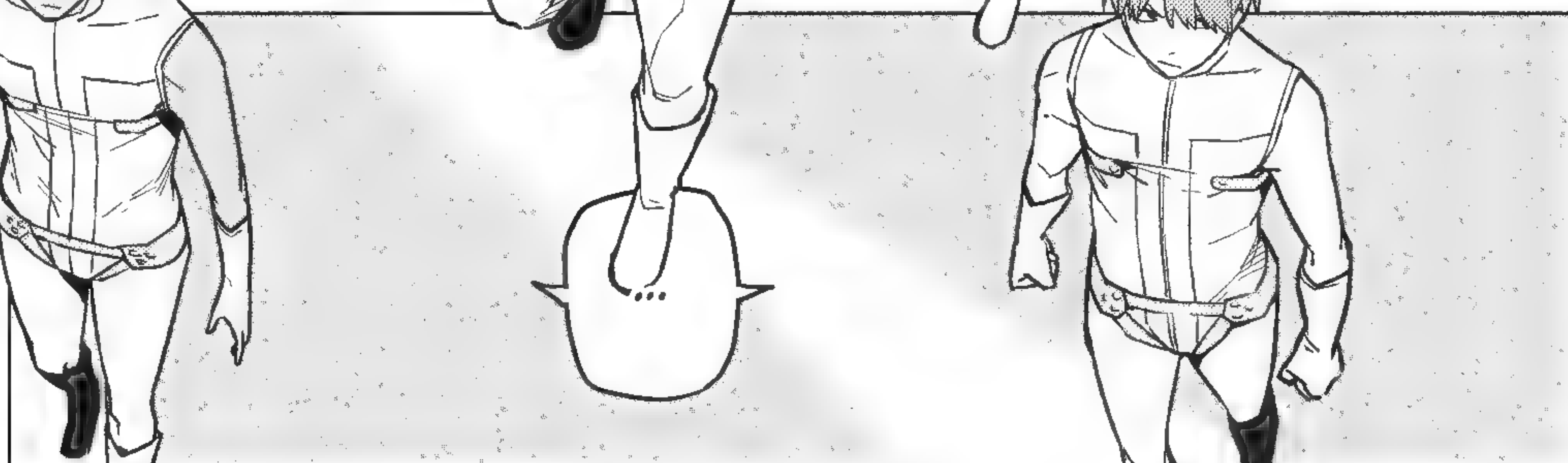
THIRTY MINUTES PER DAY,  
TO MATCH A REAL SUNDAY  
SHOWDOWN.

FIVE MONSTERS, EACH OF WHOM  
HAS ONE COLOR'S KEY.

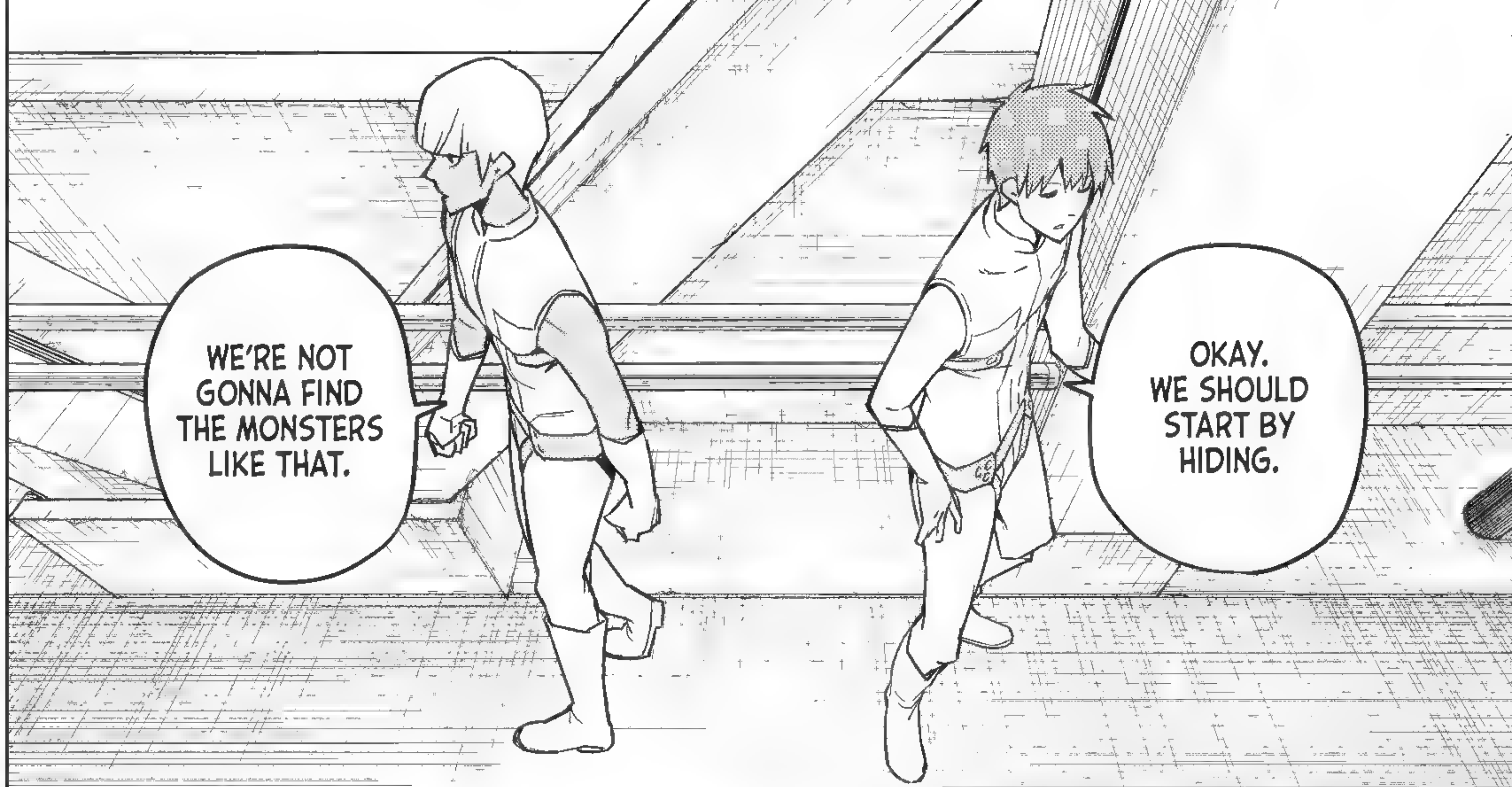
CANDIDATES WHO TAKE THEIR COLOR'S KEY FROM  
THE MONSTERS AND ESCAPE THE FIELD BECOME  
ELIGIBLE TO BE SCOUTED BY THE SQUADRONS.

WHITE DRAGON NEST'S FINAL EXAM.  
最終合戦









WE'RE NOT  
GONNA FIND  
THE MONSTERS  
LIKE THAT.

OKAY.  
WE SHOULD  
START BY  
HIDING.

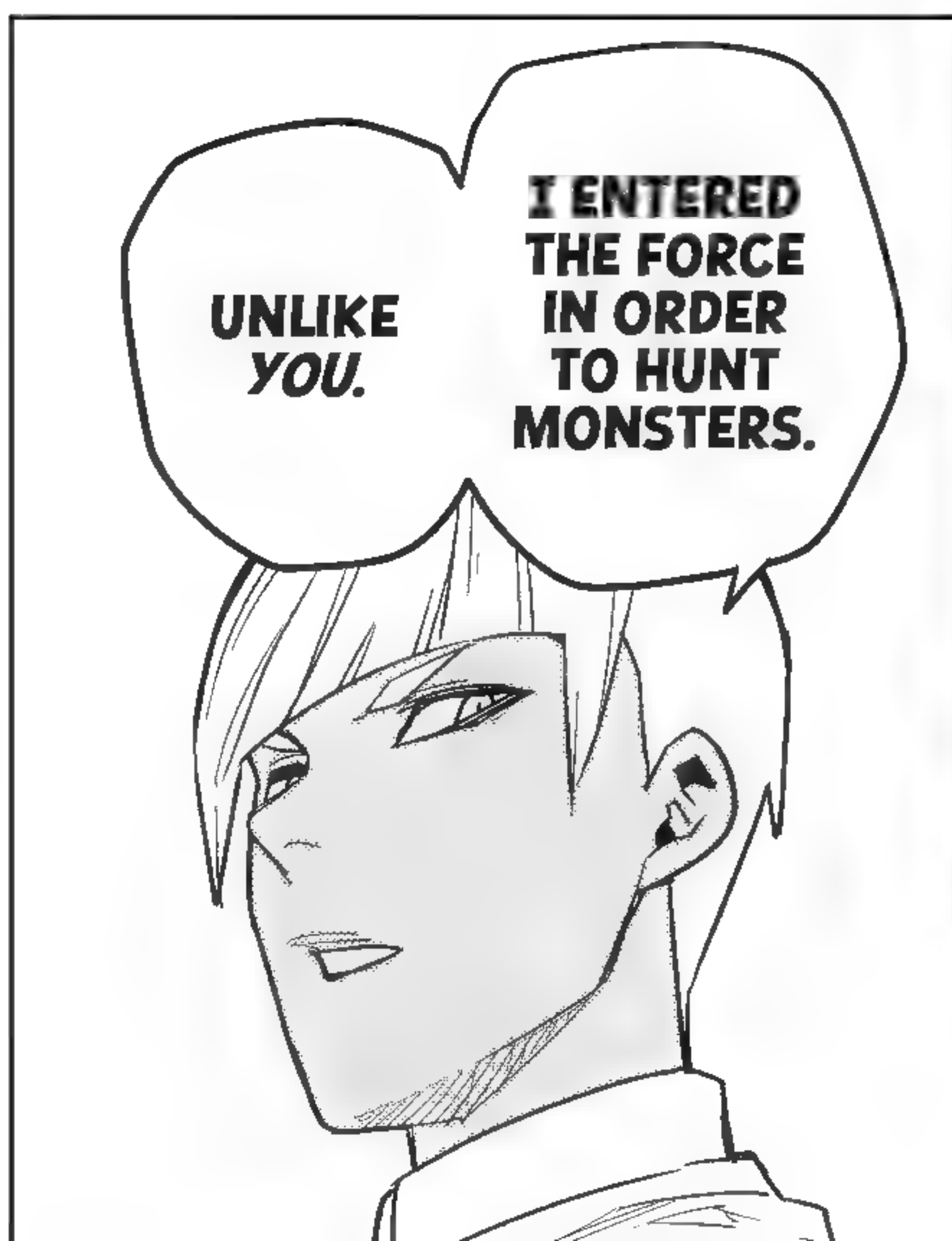


WHAT KIND OF  
RANGER SNEAKS  
AROUND MONSTERS?  
WE'RE TAKING  
THEM HEAD-ON.

DO YOU  
NOT GET IT?  
THE IDEA IS  
TO AMBUSH  
THEM!

WE'RE THE  
HUNTERS HERE.  
WE CAN'T WIN  
IF WE HIDE,  
CAN WE?

DID YOU HEAR  
ME? WE HAVE  
THREE DAYS. WE  
SHOULD START  
BY HIDING!



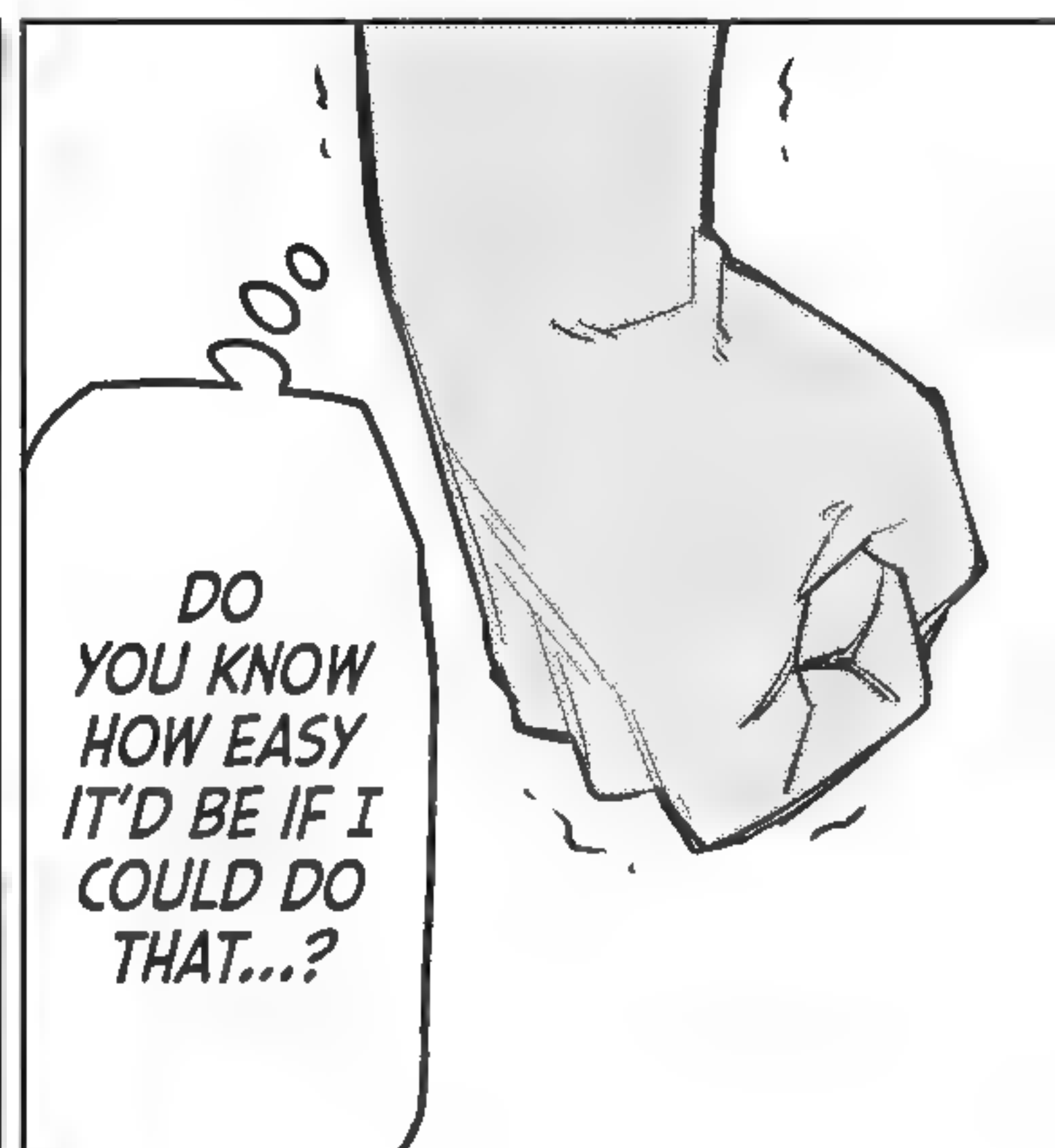
UNLIKE  
YOU.

I ENTERED  
THE FORCE  
IN ORDER  
TO HUNT  
MONSTERS.



IT'S OVER  
FOR ME IF I  
TAKE JUST  
ONE HIT.

I HAVE TO  
BE CAREFUL  
WHETHER  
I WANT TO  
OR NOT.



DO  
YOU KNOW  
HOW EASY  
IT'D BE IF I  
COULD DO  
THAT...?



I'M JUST  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
STAY CALM.

NO,  
THE RANGER  
FORCE MUST  
BE FULL OF  
GUYS LIKE  
THIS.

AM I REALLY  
GONNA HAVE TO  
PUT UP WITH  
HIM FOR THREE  
WHOLE DAYS?

...IN A  
DIFFERENT  
WAY FROM  
HIBIKI.

THIS  
GUY REALLY  
KNOWS HOW  
TO PISS ME  
OFF.

JUST WATCH.  
I'LL ADAPT SO  
I CAN COME  
OUT ON TOP!

WE'RE A  
TEAM NOW,  
WHETHER I  
LIKE IT OR  
NOT.

I WAS ABLE  
TO WORK  
WELL WITH  
SAKURAMA  
IN THE END.

ISN'T THAT  
WHAT THE  
INSTRUCTOR  
SAID? THAT  
WE'LL NEED TO  
COOPERATE?

WELL,  
I THINK  
WE NEED  
TO WORK  
TOGETHER.

IT'S  
IMPORTANT  
TO STICK  
TOGETHER  
HERE.

THE  
MONSTERS  
ARE BEING  
PLAYED BY  
ACTIVE-DUTY  
RANGERS.

OH YEAH?  
THEN LET ME  
KNOW IF YOU  
FIND THEM.

LET'S  
START BY  
FINDING THE  
RED SQUAD  
MONSTER.

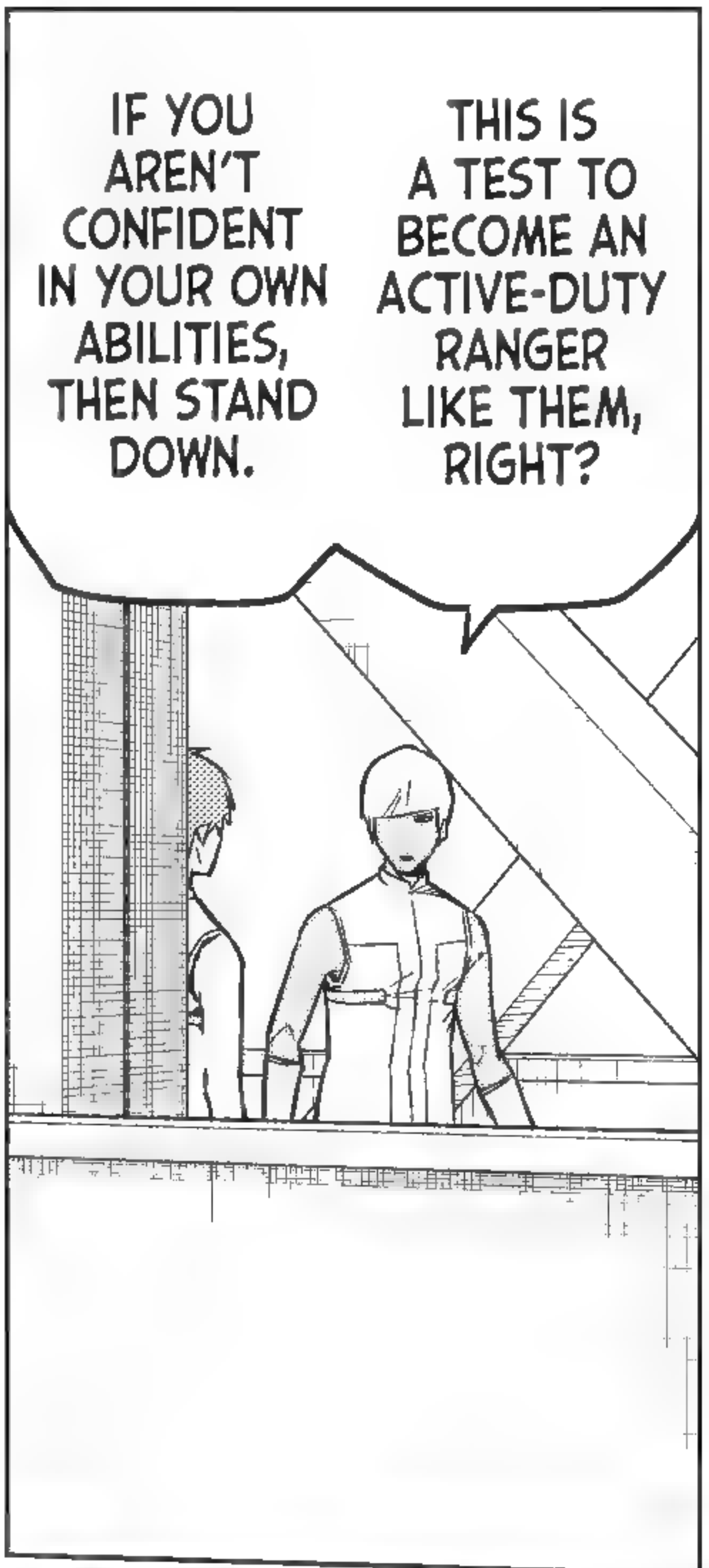
OKAY THEN,  
SHION-KUN.





THIS  
EXAM ISN'T  
WORTHY  
OF MY  
ATTENTION.

I'VE  
GOT MY  
EYE ON  
WHAT  
COMES  
NEXT.



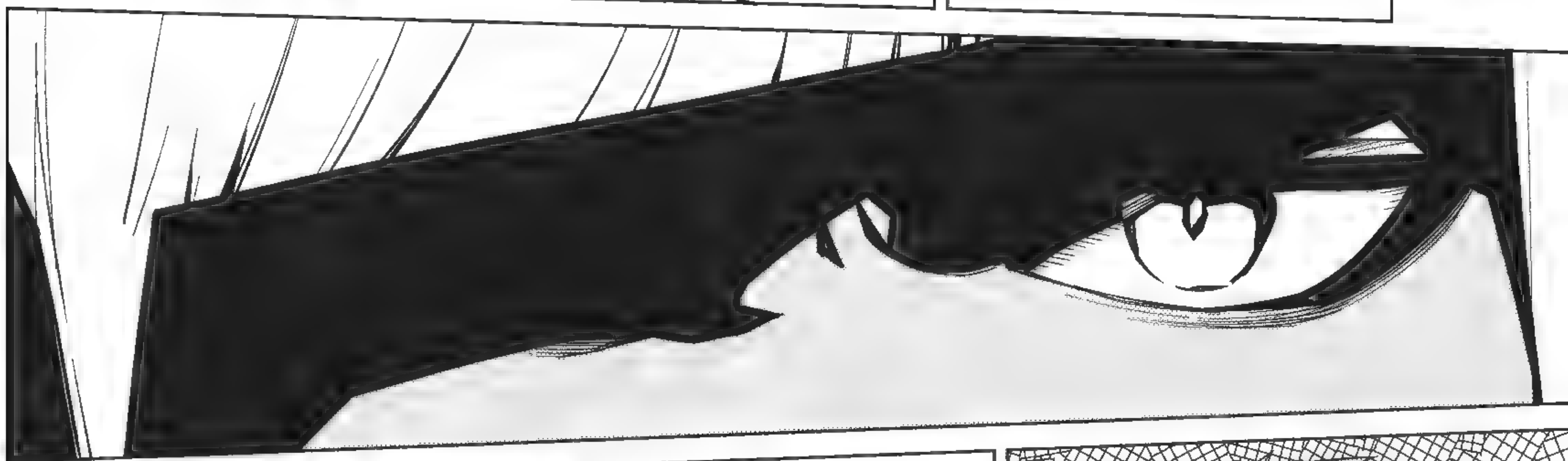
IF YOU  
AREN'T  
CONFIDENT  
IN YOUR OWN  
ABILITIES,  
THEN STAND  
DOWN.

THIS IS  
A TEST TO  
BECOME AN  
ACTIVE-DUTY  
RANGER  
LIKE THEM,  
RIGHT?



YOU WANT  
EVERYONE TO  
SCREAM AND  
FAWN OVER YOU  
AT THE SUNDAY  
SHOWDOWN...?

OH, SO  
ARE YOU  
ONE OF  
THOSE  
TYPES?



FOUND  
ONE.

SHUT UP  
FOR A  
SECOND.



VERY...  
HEALTHY,  
YOU  
COULD  
SAY...

A-ANYWAY,  
I THINK  
THAT'S A  
GREAT  
REASON  
TO BE  
MOTIVATED.



SHIT.

PLAY NICE,  
PLAY NICE...







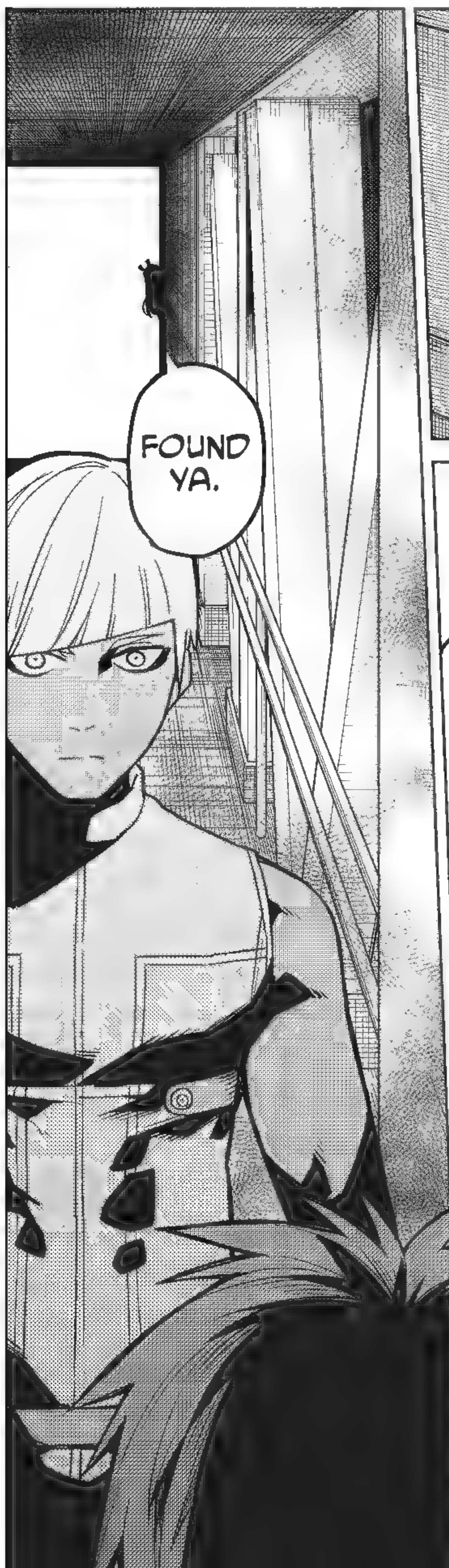


WE  
SHOULD DO  
THAT!

YES!  
LET'S!

WANT TO GO  
TO ANOTHER  
FLOOR BEFORE  
SHE PICKS A  
FIGHT?

SOUNDS LIKE  
THEY ATTACK  
EVERYONE  
INSTEAD OF  
SPECIFIC  
TARGETS.



FOUND  
YA.



IT'S A GOOD  
THING SHE'S  
YELLOW  
SQUAD'S  
TARGET...

IT'S GONNA  
BE ANNOYING  
IF THAT PSYCHO  
FINDS OUT THAT  
I'M STILL ALIVE.



WE MIGHT  
AS WELL  
GET IT.

ACTUAL-  
LY...

YELLOW'S  
KEY.



SHION-  
KUN?

?



SHE'S  
SERIOUSLY  
DANGEROUS,  
OKAY?

STOP BEING  
RIDICULOUS!  
LET'S GO  
ALREADY!



WHAT  
WOULD BE  
THE POINT  
IN THAT?!

ARE YOU  
IN YOUR  
RIGHT  
MIND?!

WHAA?!





OH, YOU'RE NOT YELLOW SQUAD?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE. I'M A WICKED MONSTER WHO ATTACKS ANYONE.

SORRY, THOUGH.

YOU'D BETTER BE SURE TO PUNISH ME!



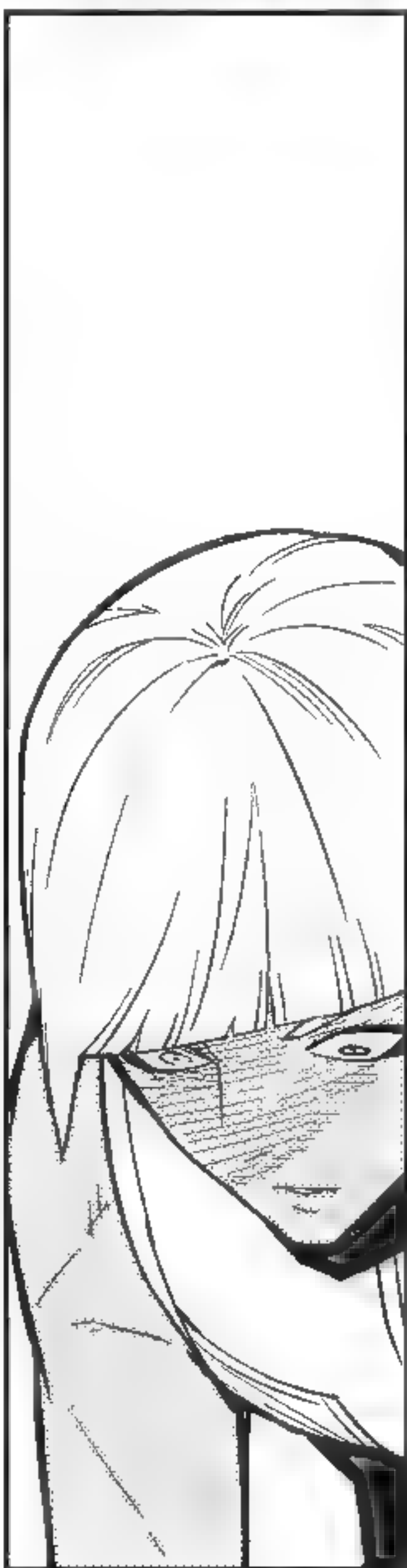
SAKURAMA-KUN? LET ME JOIN IN IF YOU TWO ARE FIGHTING.

I'LL TAKE YOU BOTH ON.

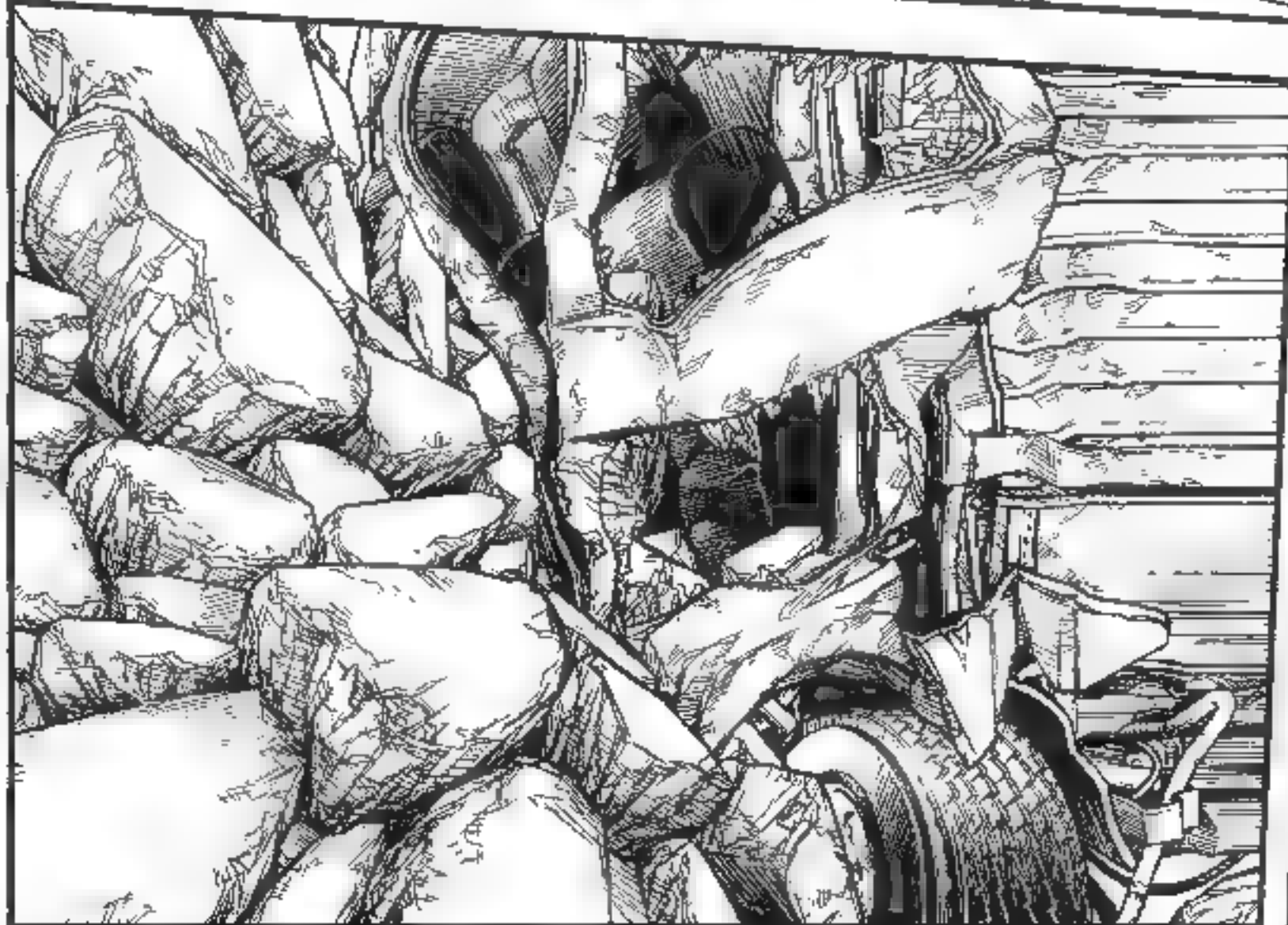
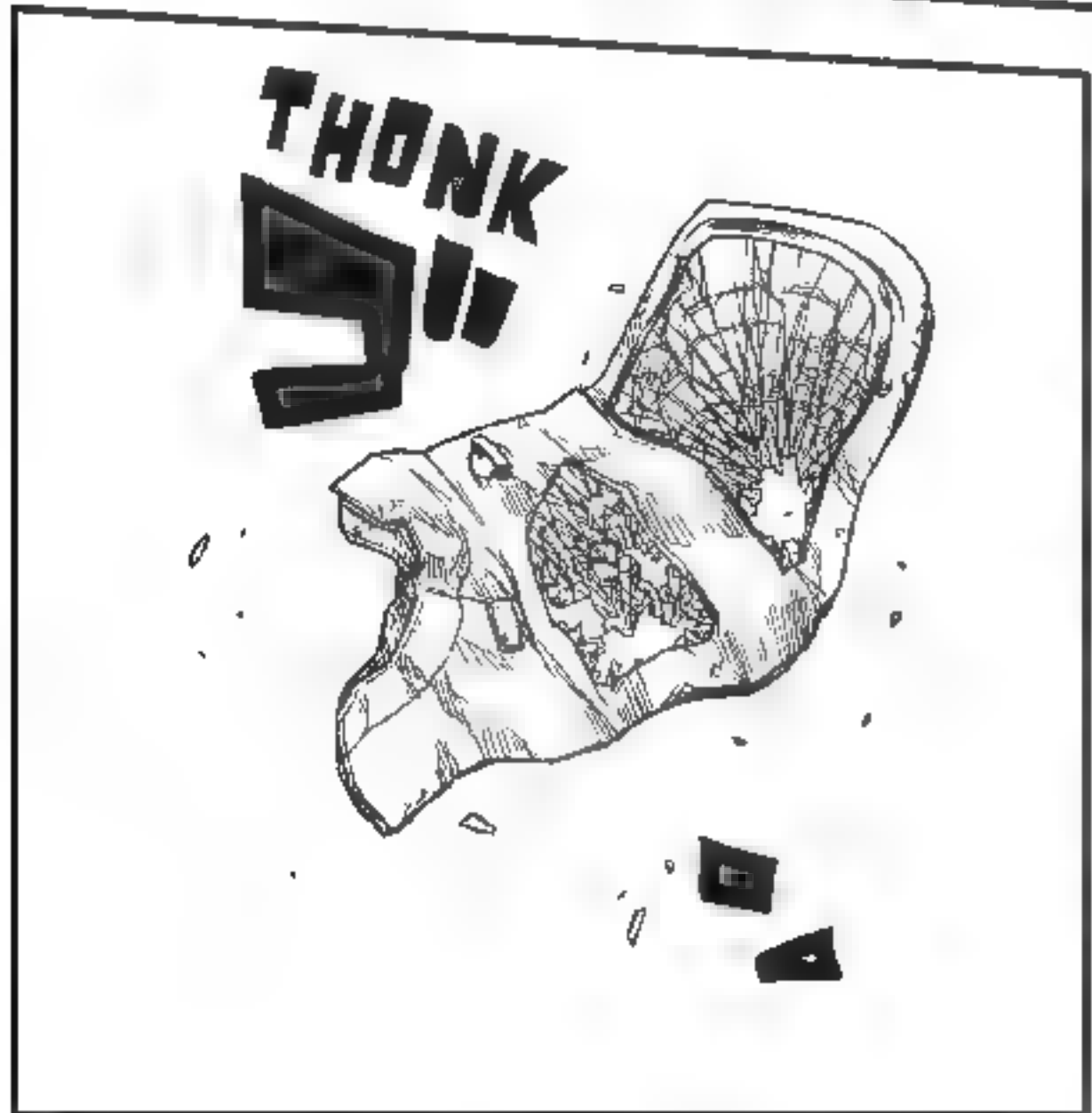


WHY'D YOU JUST PUSH ME?!

YOU WANTED TO FIGHT HER, RIGHT? THEN GO AHEAD, BE MY GUEST!











TAKING  
HALF-MEASURES  
IS JUST A WASTE  
OF TIME.

LET'S  
HANDLE  
THIS IN AN  
EFFICIENT  
WAY.



BUT DIDN'T  
THAT KILL  
HER...?



BUT  
ISN'T THIS  
TAKING IT  
TOO FAR...?

WHOA!

IT REALLY  
MOVES.

YOU DO  
REALIZE  
...

...THAT  
THE EXAM  
HAS BEGUN,  
RIGHT?



BUT  
I THINK  
WE JUST  
SHOWED  
HER...

SHE  
PROBABLY  
THOUGHT THIS  
EXAM WOULD  
BE A NICE  
DISTRACTION.

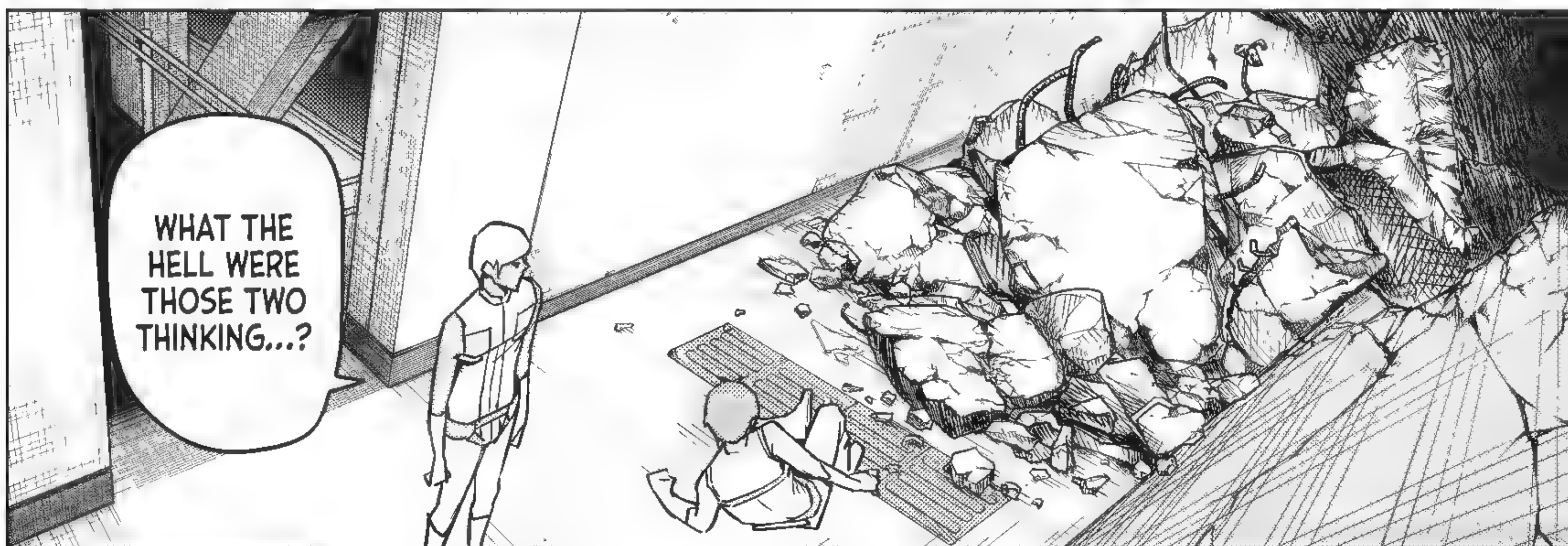
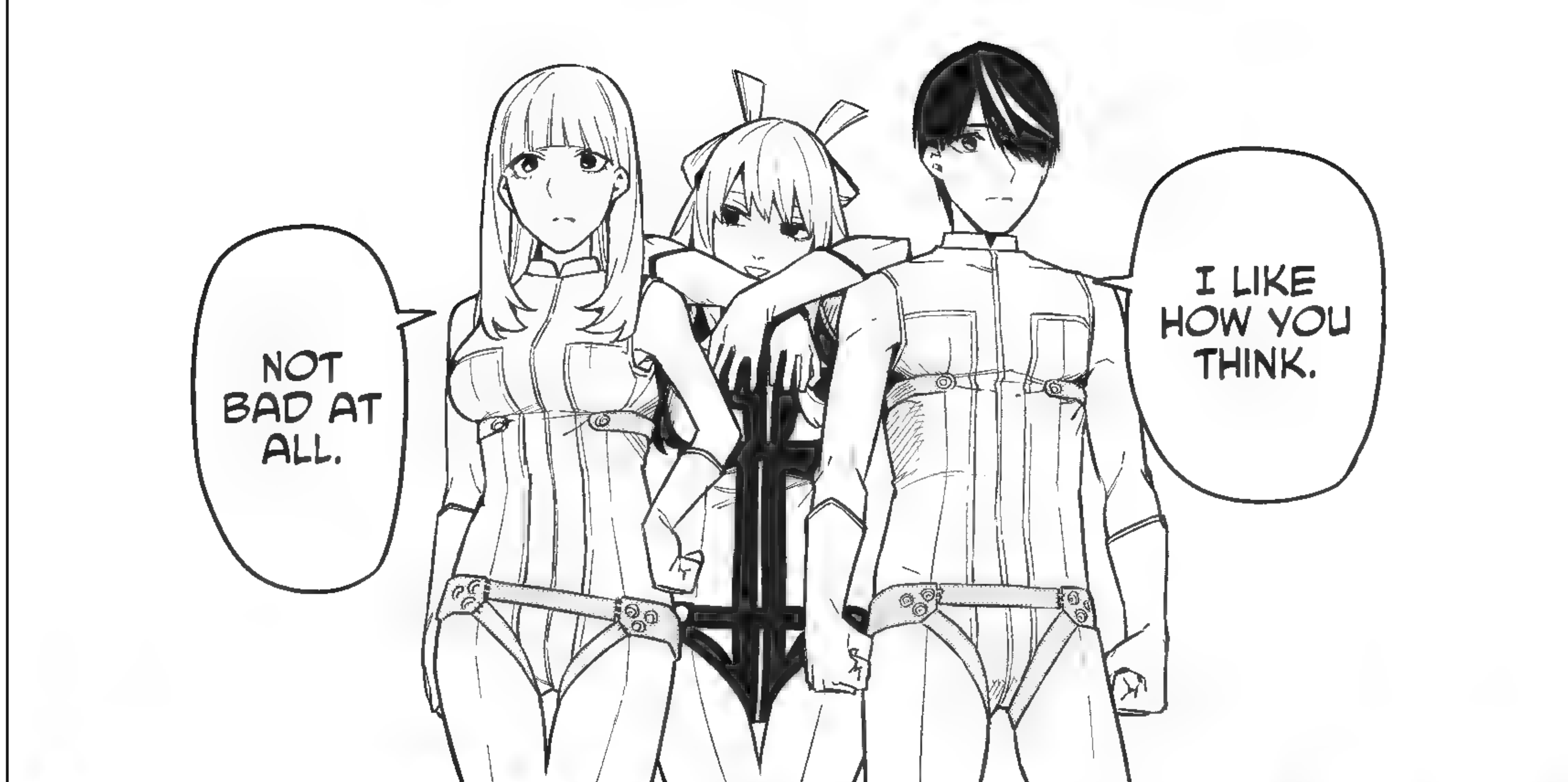
IT'S HER  
FAULT FOR  
GIVING US AN  
OPENING.



...EXACTLY  
HOW MUCH  
MALICE WE  
COLORLESS  
RANGERS  
HAVE...

...AFTER  
BEING  
TREATED  
LIKE DIRT  
FOR ALL  
THIS TIME.



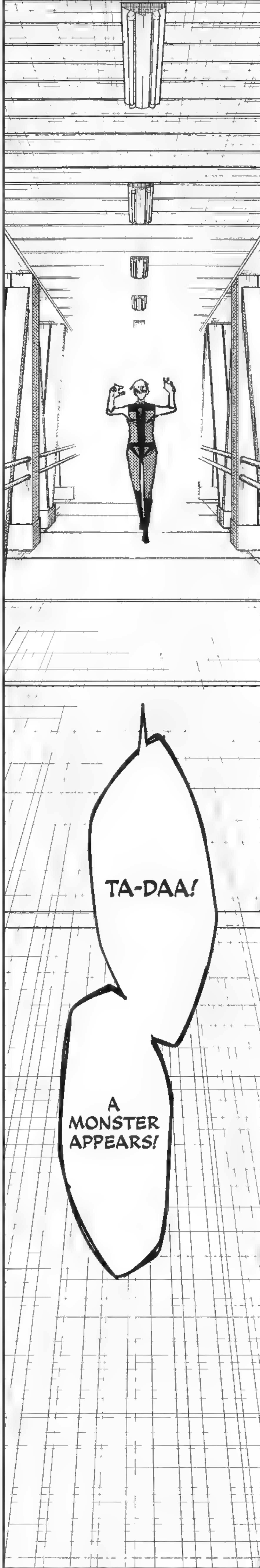






YOU  
REVOLTING  
RANGERS...

...BETTER BE  
PREPARED!

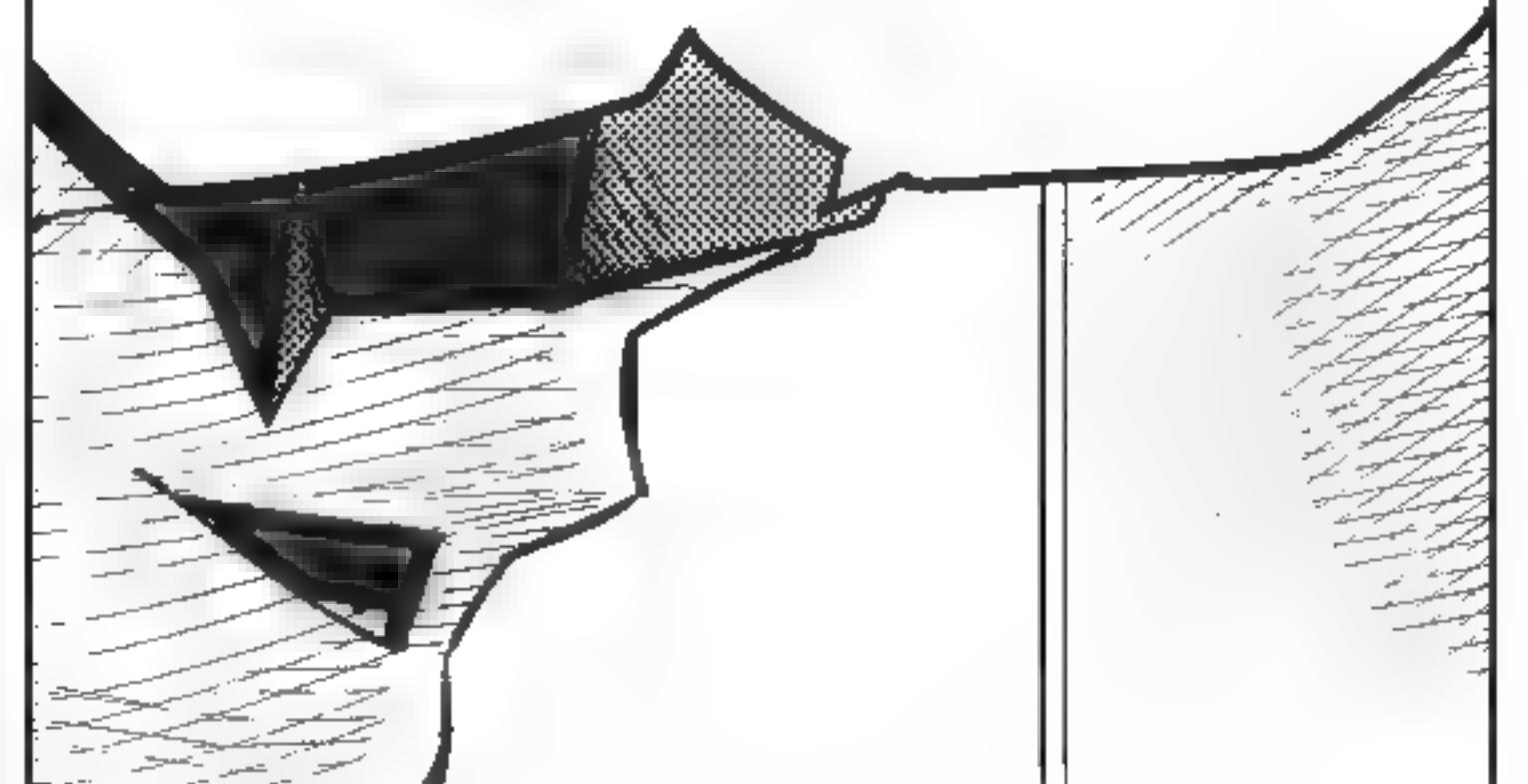


TA-DAA!

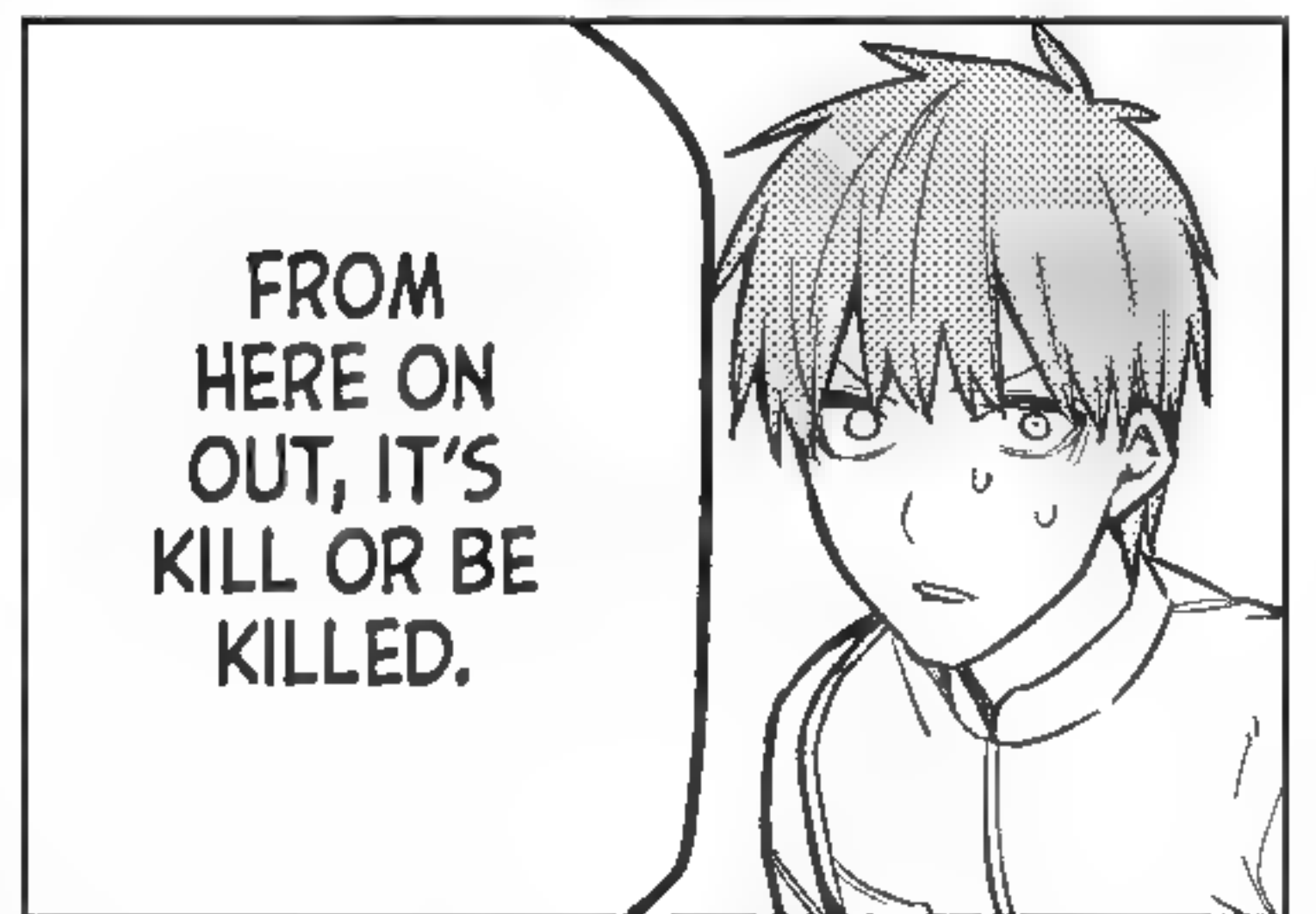
A  
MONSTER  
APPEARS!

YOU  
NEED TO  
ADAPT TO  
THE EVER-  
CHANGING  
STATE OF A  
BATTLE.

DO YOU THINK A  
MEMBER OF THE  
RANGER FORCE  
CAN AFFORD TO  
SAY SOMETHING  
THAT SOFT?



IF IT'S A  
HALF-HEARTED  
BATTLE YOU  
WANT, GIVE  
UP NOW.



FROM  
HERE ON  
OUT, IT'S  
KILL OR BE  
KILLED.

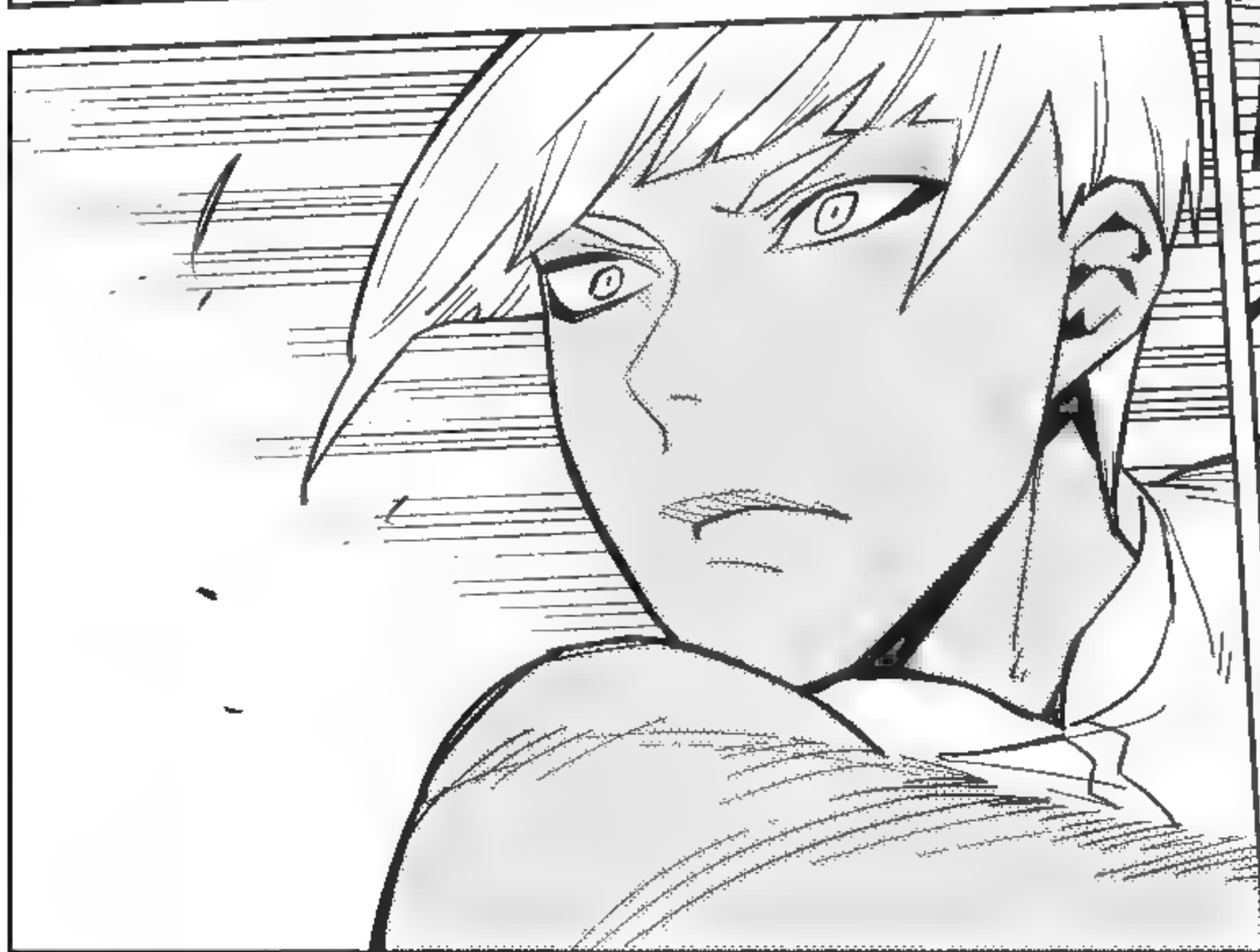
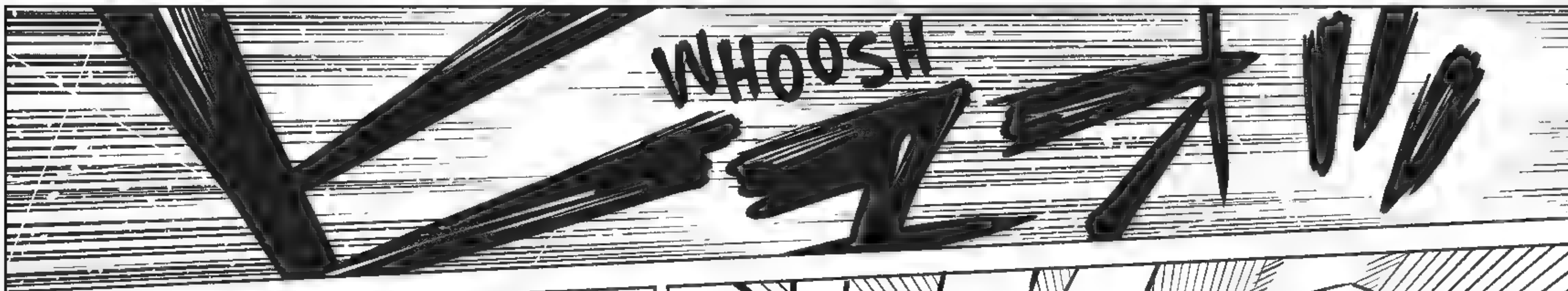
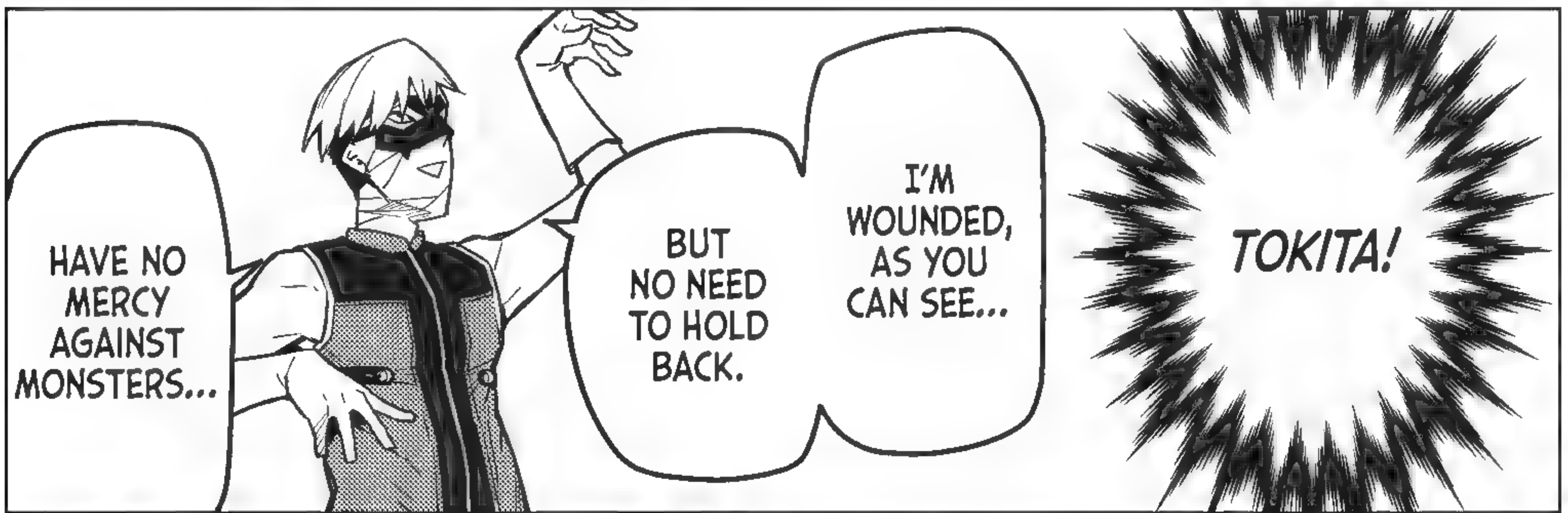
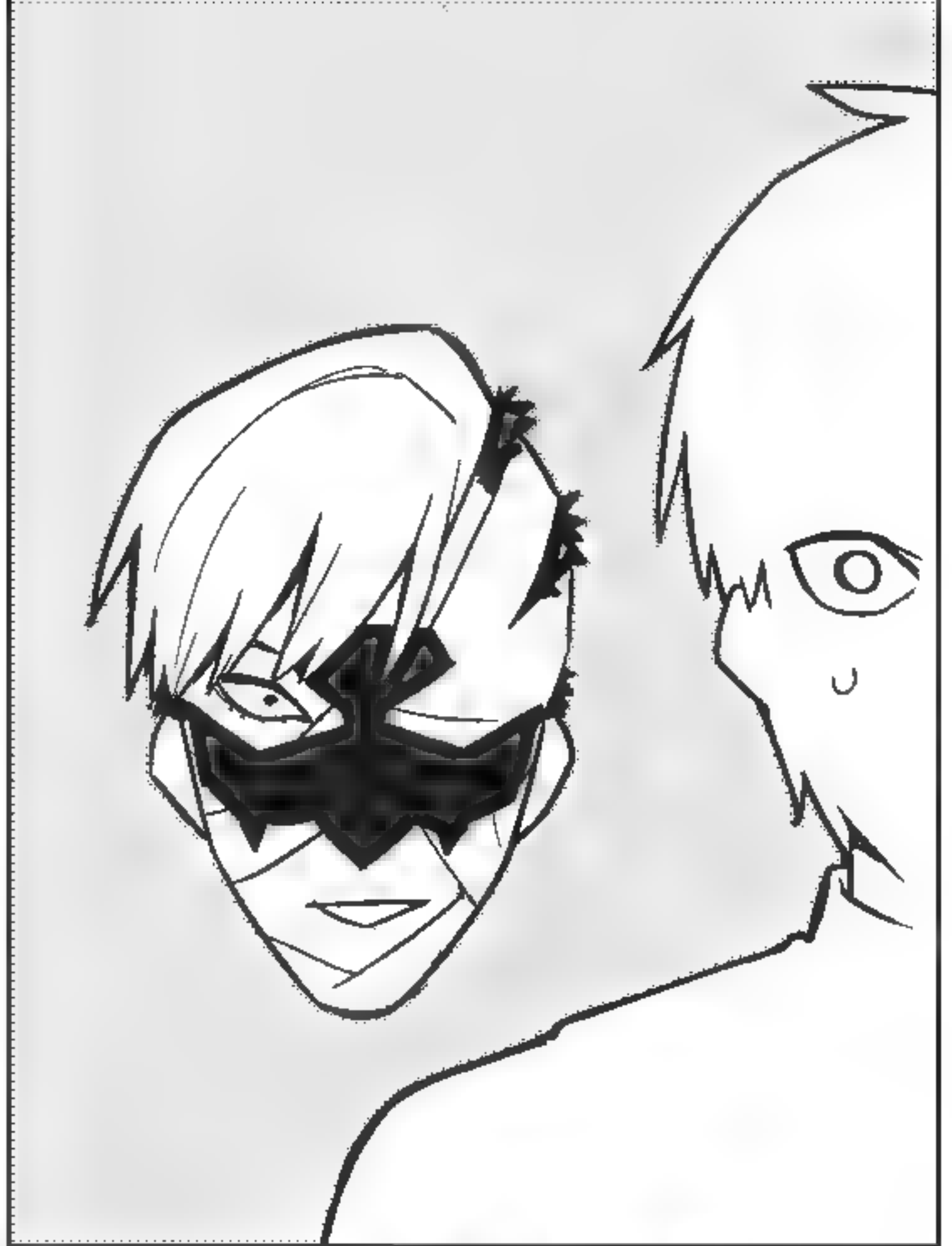
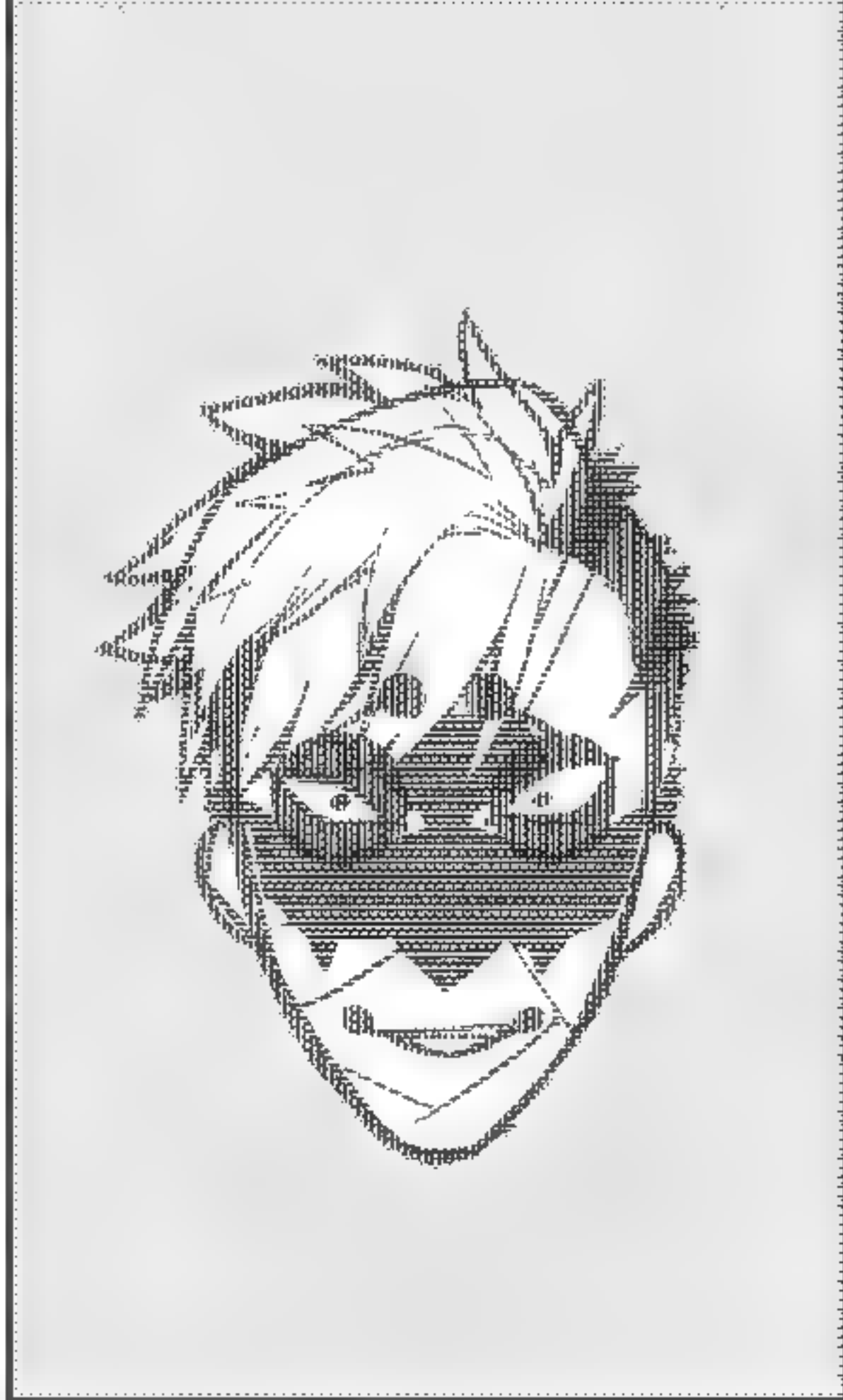
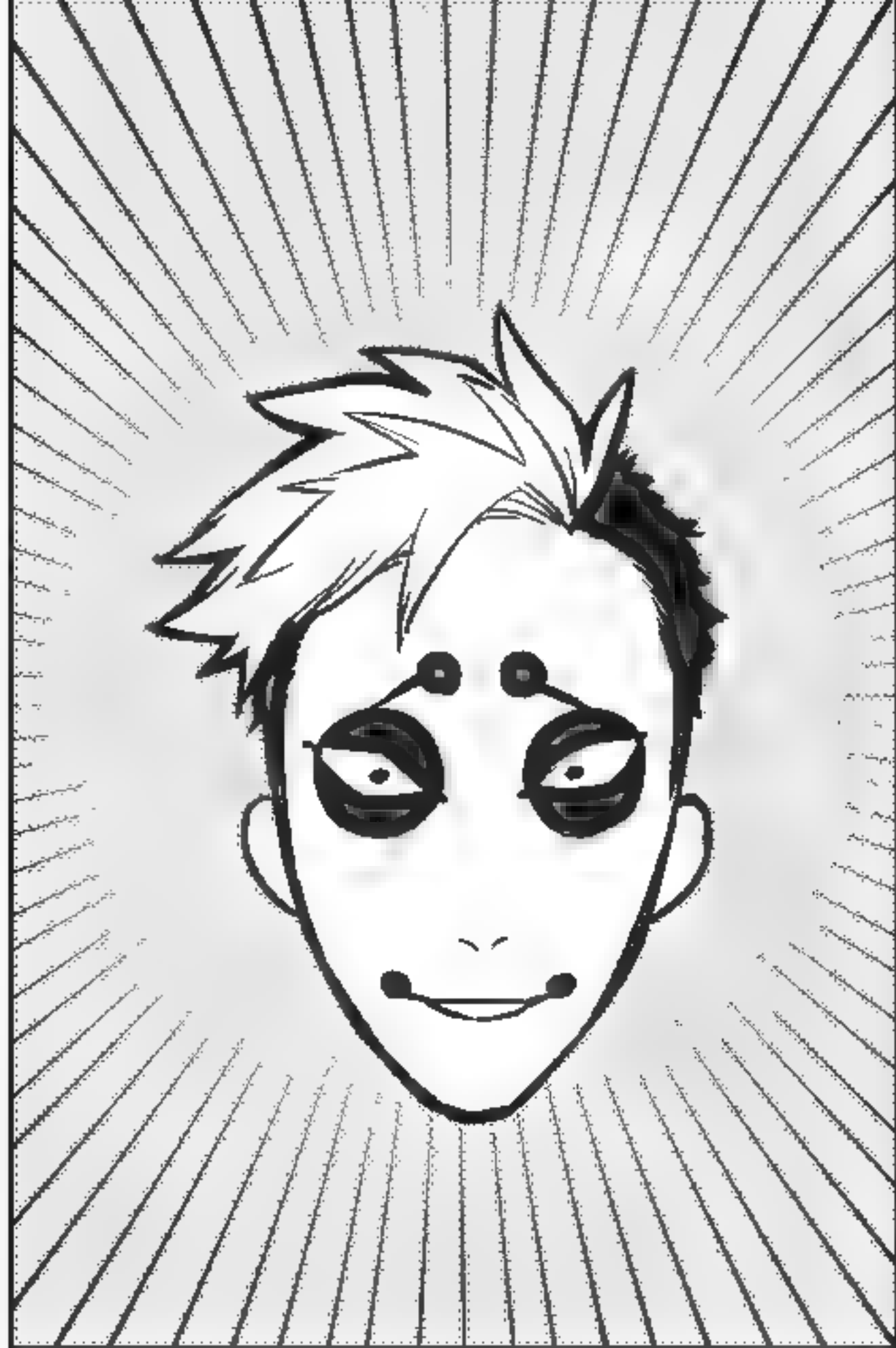


SO  
HE'S...

SO...  
YOU'RE OUR  
OPPONENT.

...RED  
SQUAD.









AH!

AH!

THWAK

THWAK

THWAK



I'M NOT  
TELLING  
YOU! I'M A  
MONSTER!

WHERE'S  
THE KEY?

THP



I'VE  
BEATEN  
HIM ONCE  
BEFORE.

PLUS  
IT'S TWO  
ON ONE  
THIS TIME.

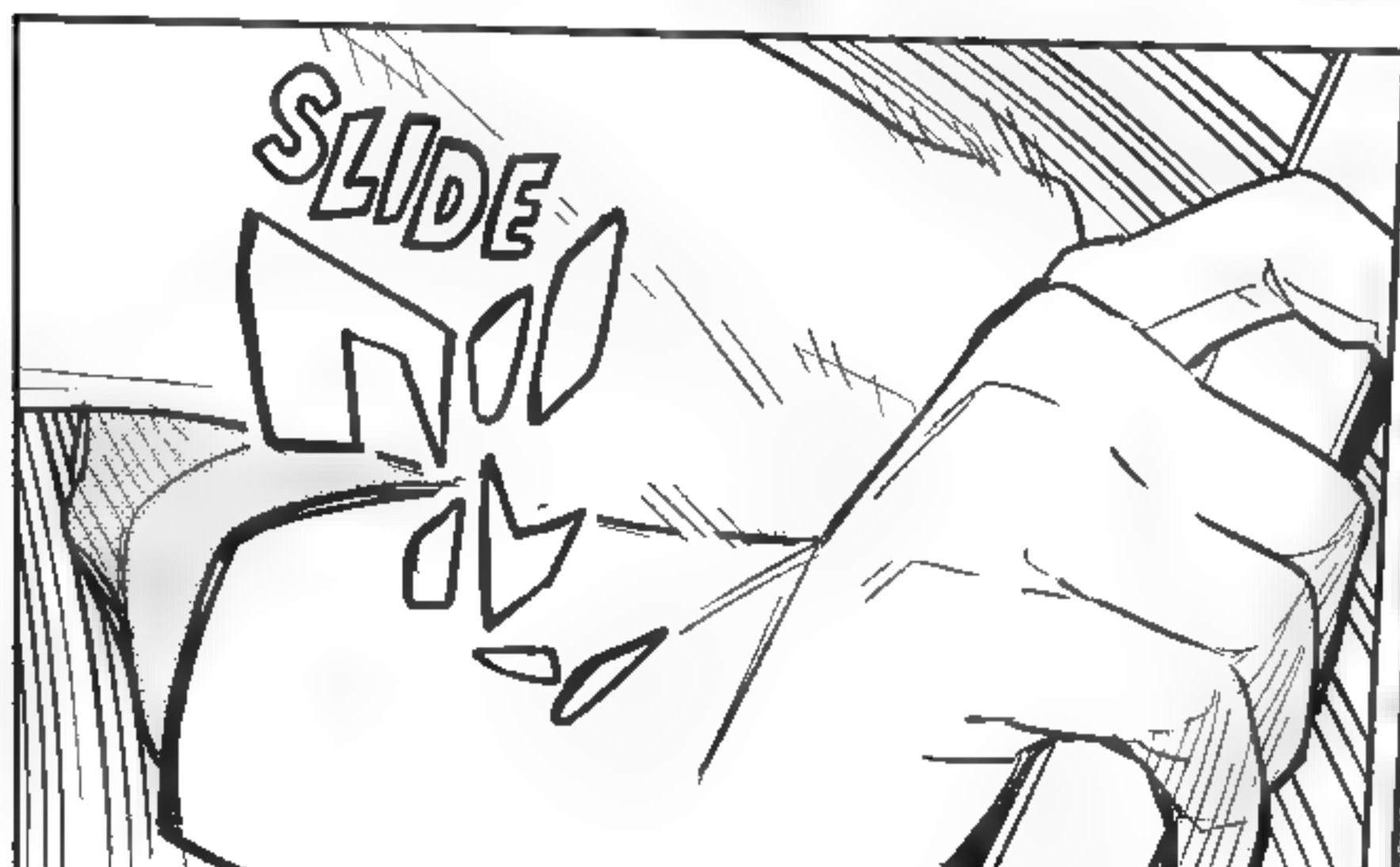
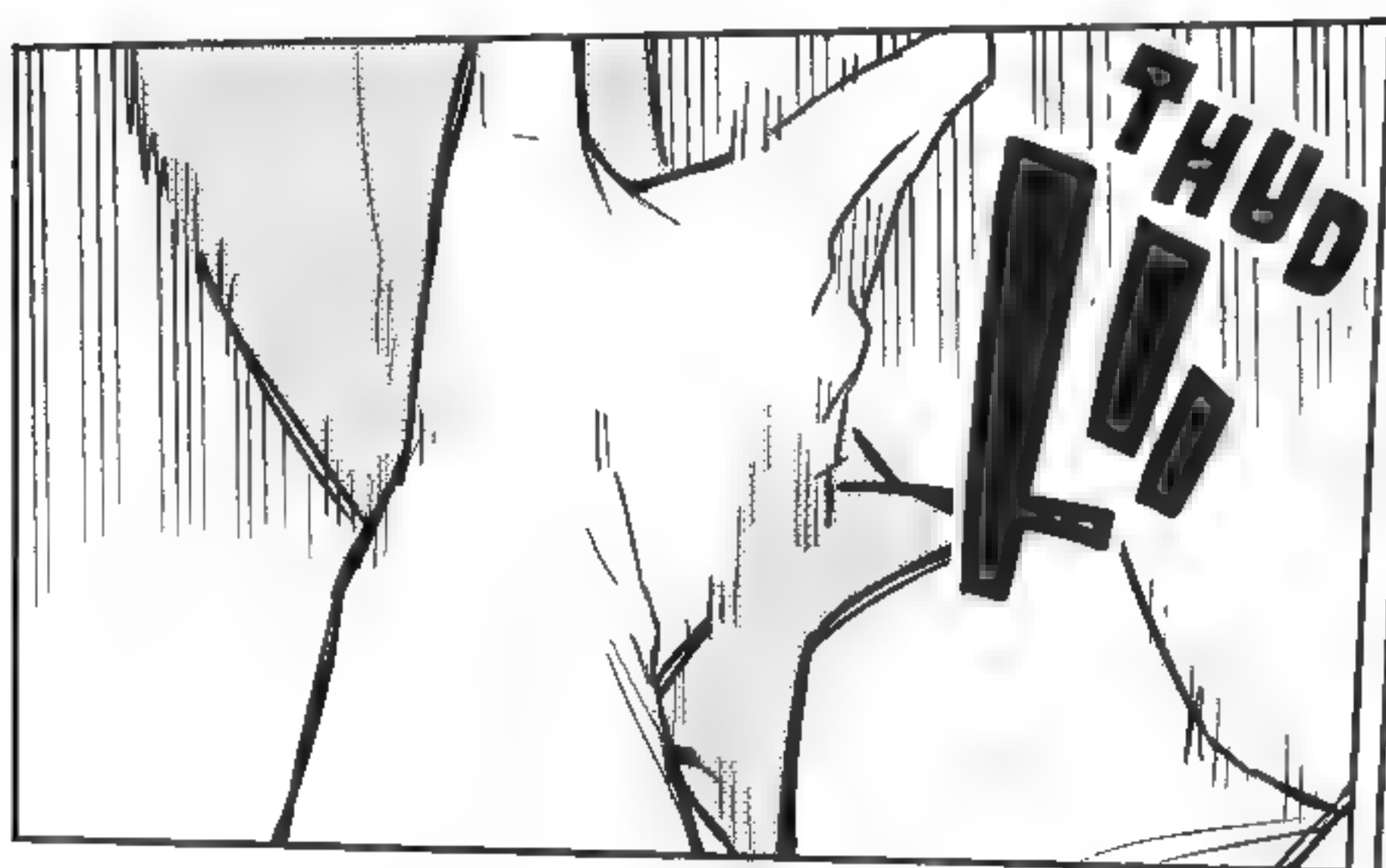
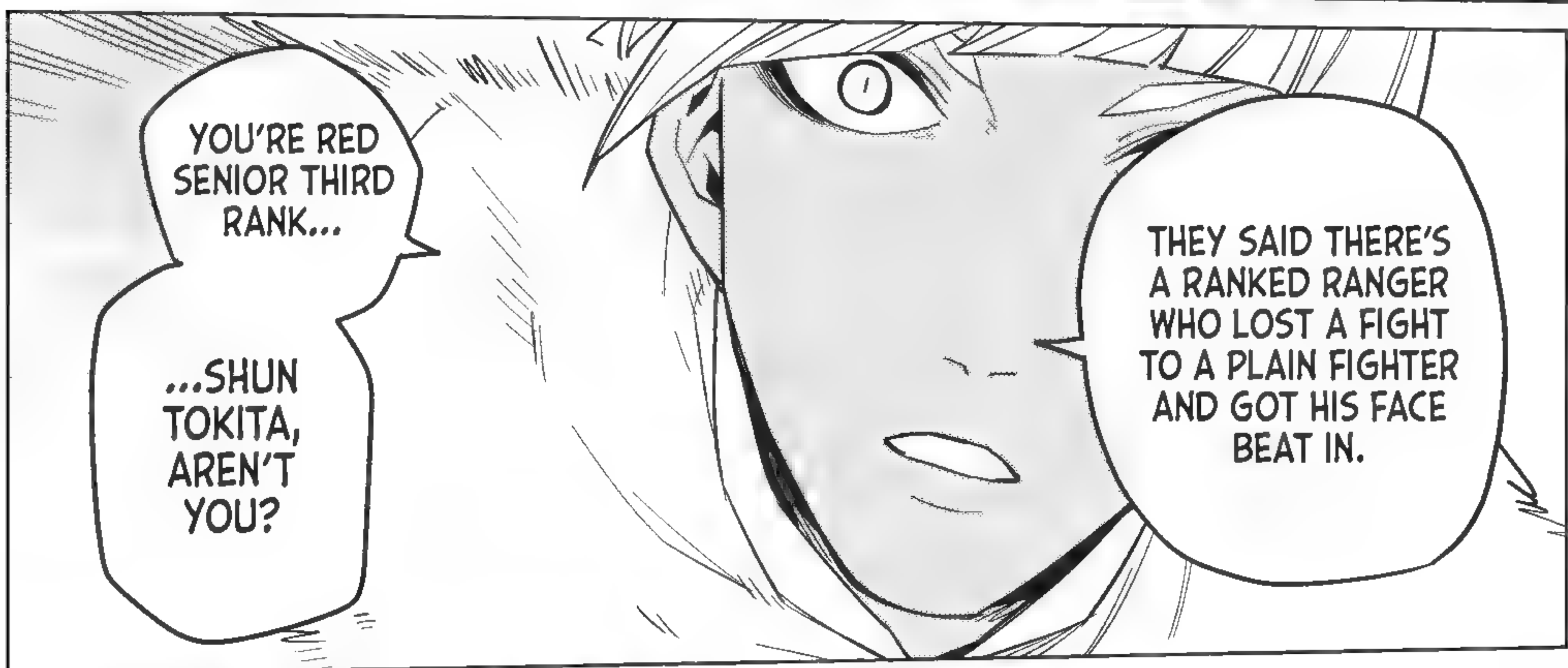
I'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
FIND A WAY  
TO WIN IF I  
WORK WITH  
SHION.

BUT IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHO I'M UP  
AGAINST.

DIDN'T  
THINK  
I'D BE  
FACING  
HIM  
AGAIN...

DAMMIT!  
GOT OFF  
TO A SLOW  
START.

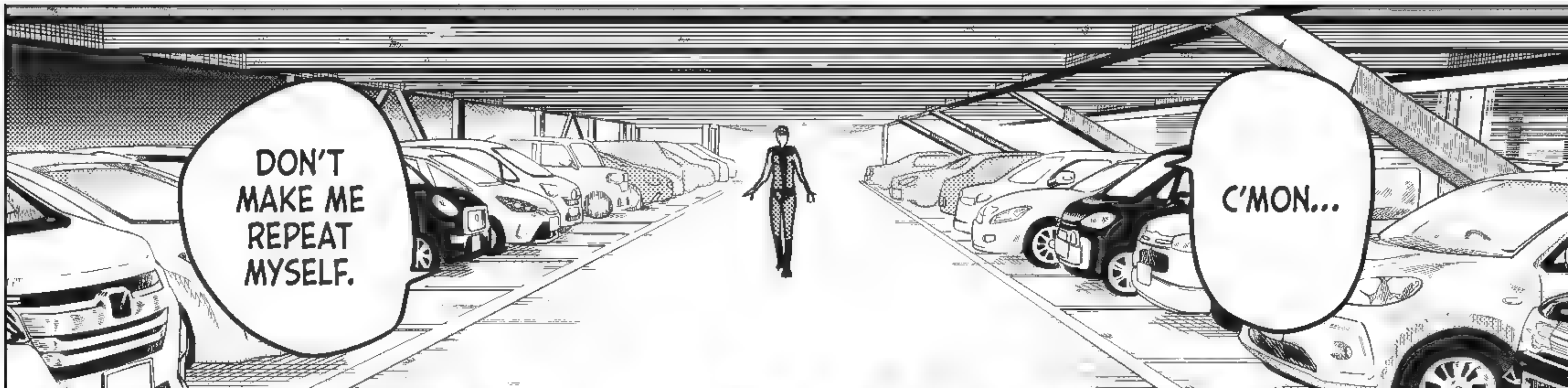
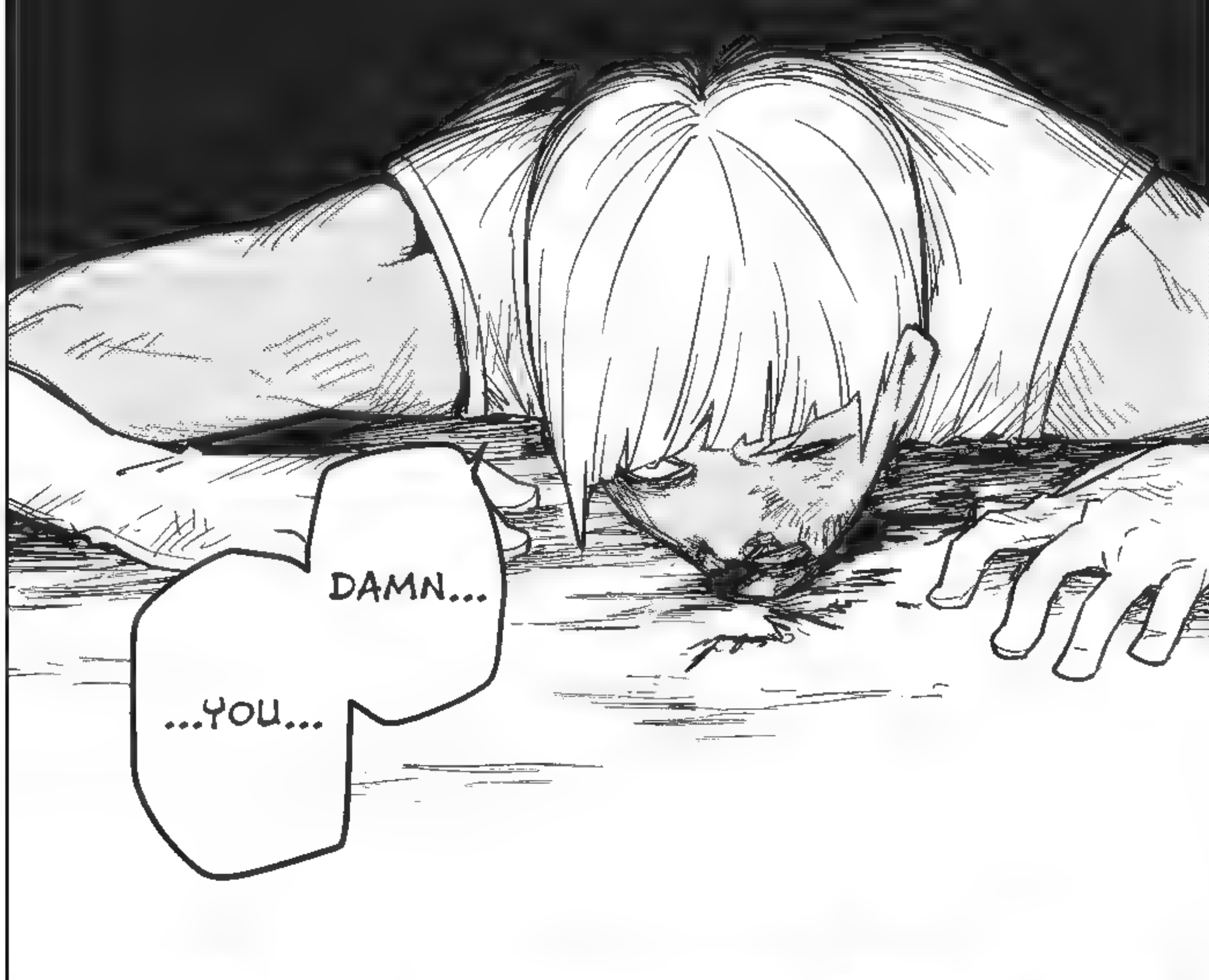








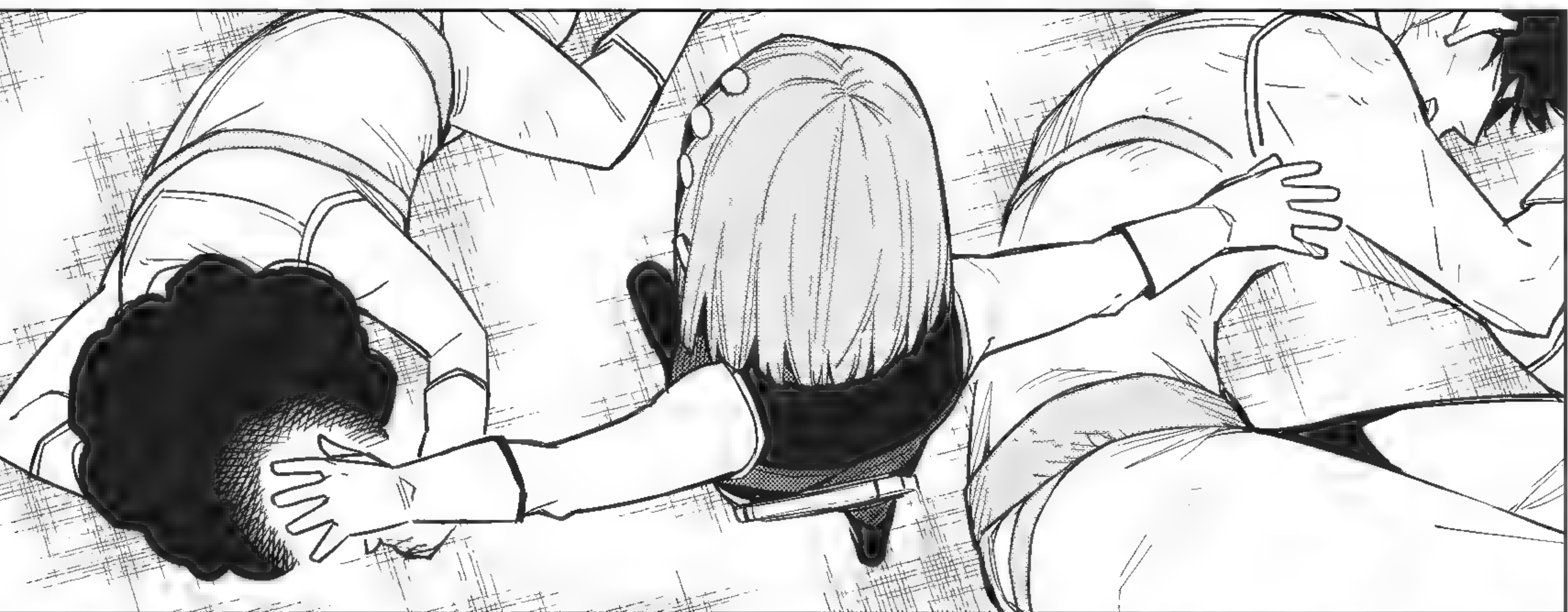








**YOU'LL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO  
BEAT ME  
AT THIS  
RATE.**



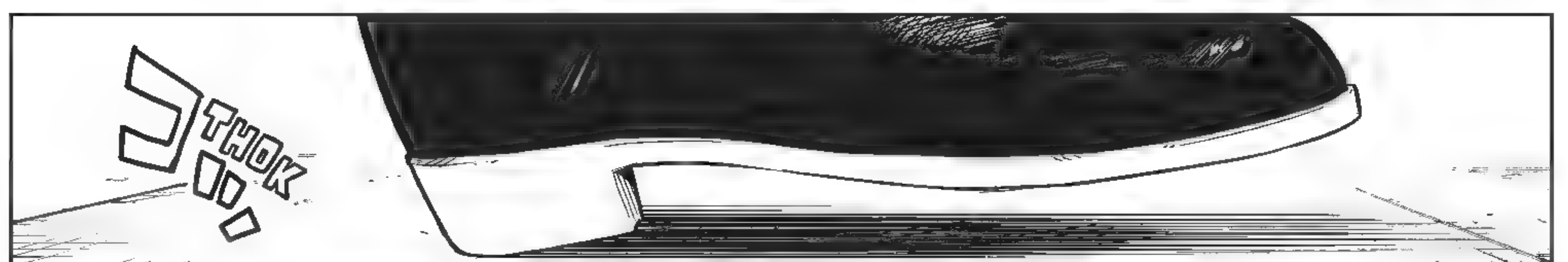
**WHICH IS  
WHY...**

**YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
PAIN.**











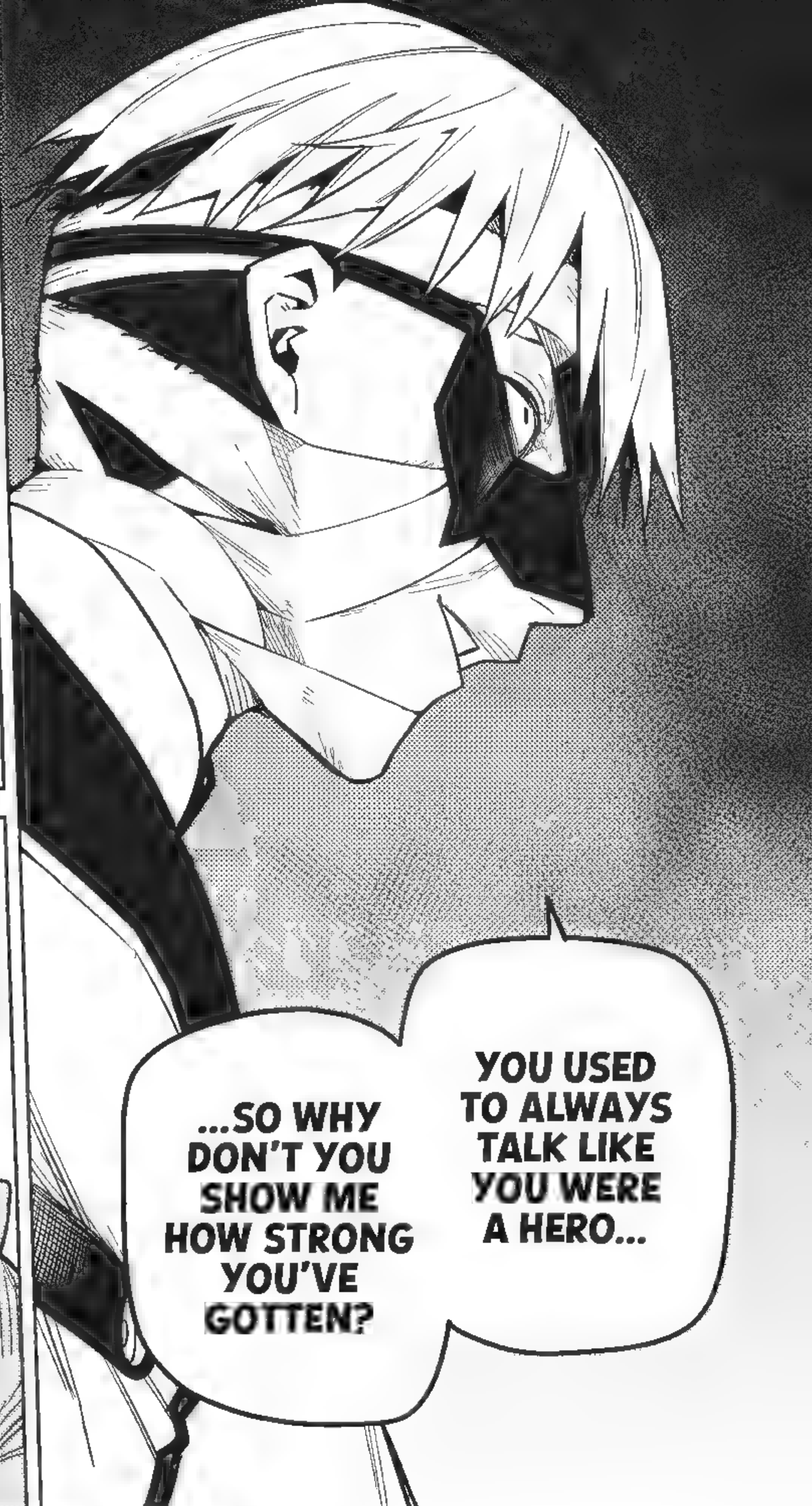


I HAVE  
TO DO  
THIS.



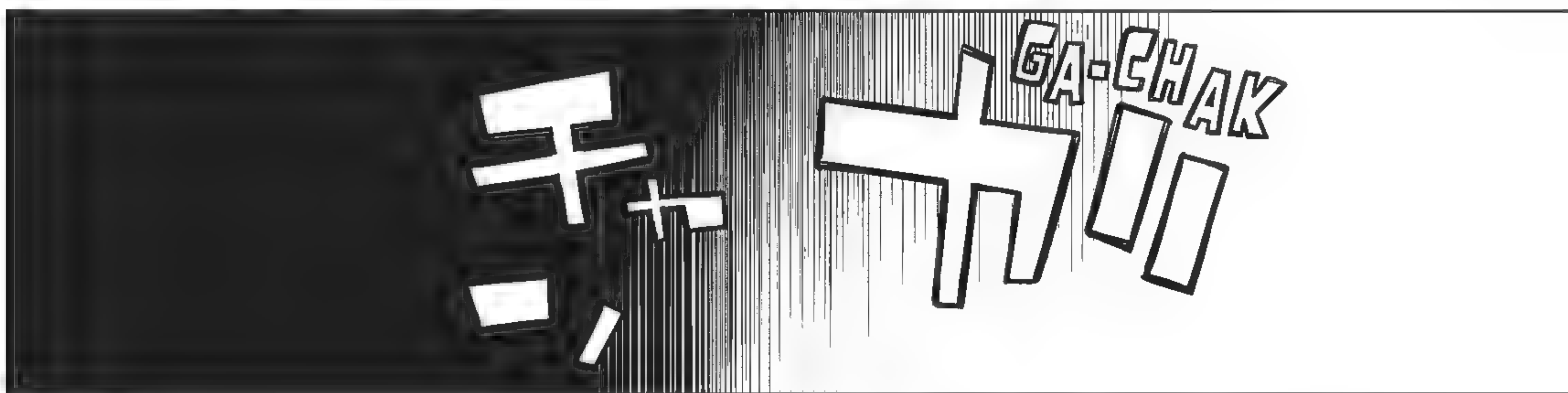
BUT IT'LL  
ALL BE OVER  
RIGHT HERE  
AND NOW IF HE  
HITS ME WITH  
AN ATTACK AND  
EXPOSES ME.

I'LL MAINTAIN  
THIS DISTANCE  
AS I FIGHT.



...SO WHY  
DON'T YOU  
SHOW ME  
HOW STRONG  
YOU'VE  
GOTTEN?

YOU USED  
TO ALWAYS  
TALK LIKE  
YOU WERE  
A HERO...



IT'LL PROBABLY BE  
DIFFICULT FOR EVEN  
YOU TO REPRODUCE  
WITH YOUR MIMICRY,  
D-KUN.

THIS IS THE  
ONE THING I'LL  
GIVE YOU.

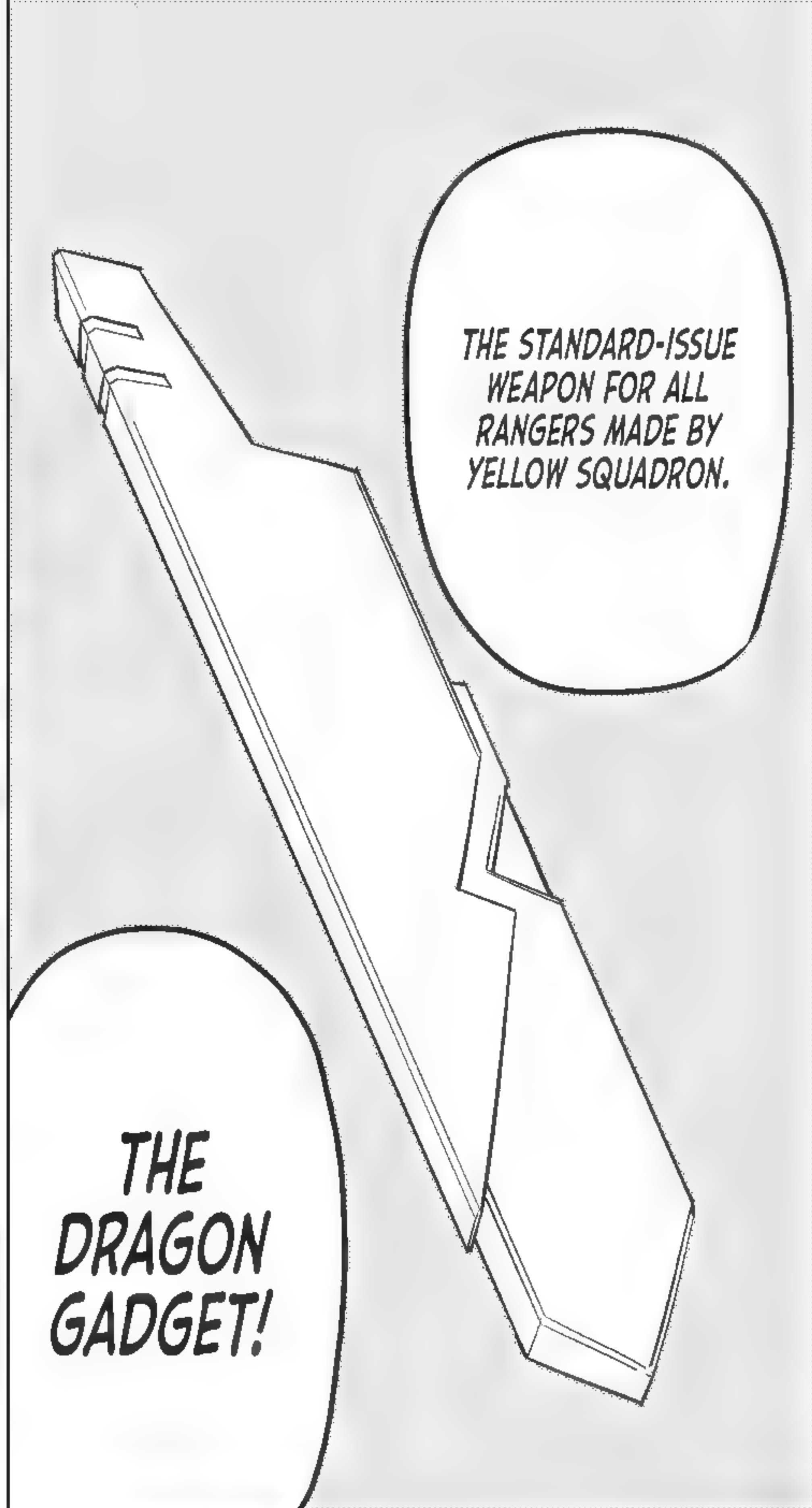




IT'S POPULAR IN  
TOY FORM, TOO. NO  
KID IS GOING TO BE  
LET DOWN IF YOU  
GIVE THEM THIS AS  
A PRESENT.



THAT THING  
ONLY BRINGS UP  
BAD MEMORIES  
FOR ME.



THE STANDARD-ISSUE  
WEAPON FOR ALL  
RANGERS MADE BY  
YELLOW SQUADRON.

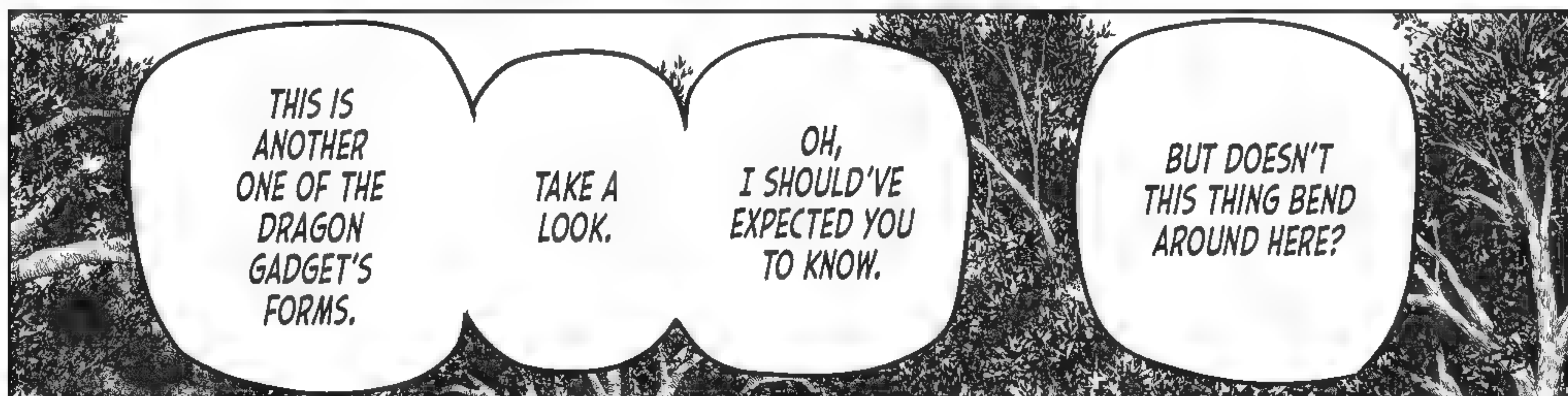
THE  
DRAGON  
GADGET!



HMPH!

DON'T TRY  
TO BREAK IT  
FIRST THING!

AAHH!



THIS IS  
ANOTHER  
ONE OF THE  
DRAGON  
GADGET'S  
FORMS.

TAKE A  
LOOK.

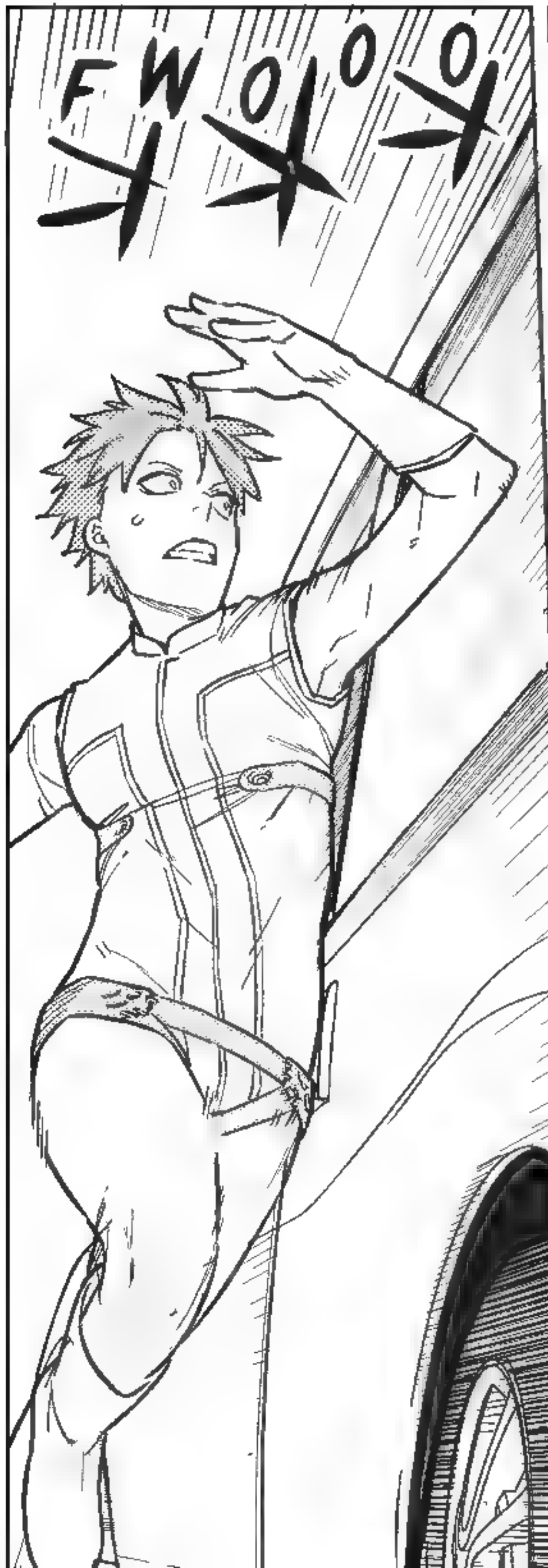
OH,  
I SHOULD'VE  
EXPECTED YOU  
TO KNOW.

BUT DOESN'T  
THIS THING BEND  
AROUND HERE?

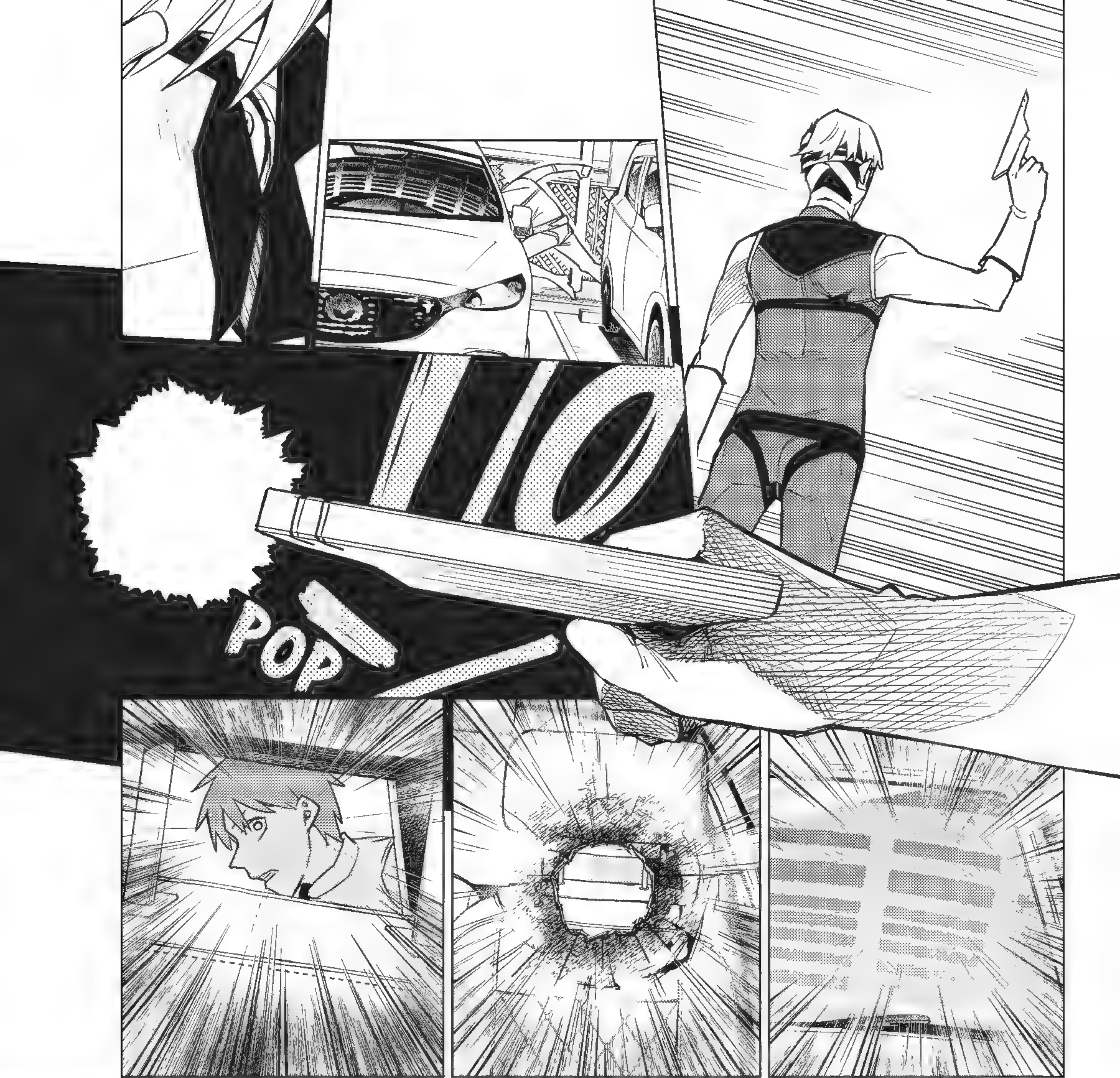


GUN  
FORM!

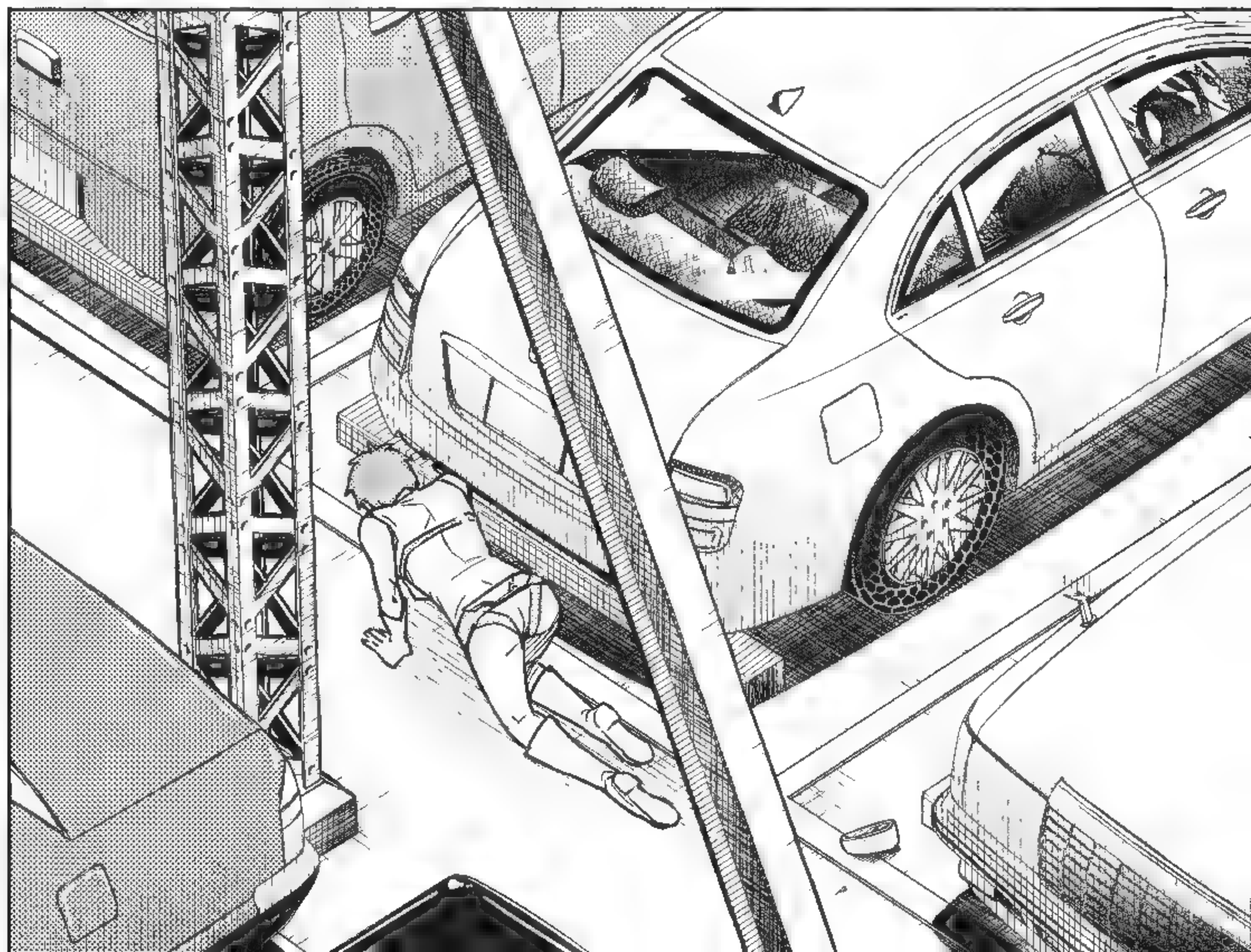
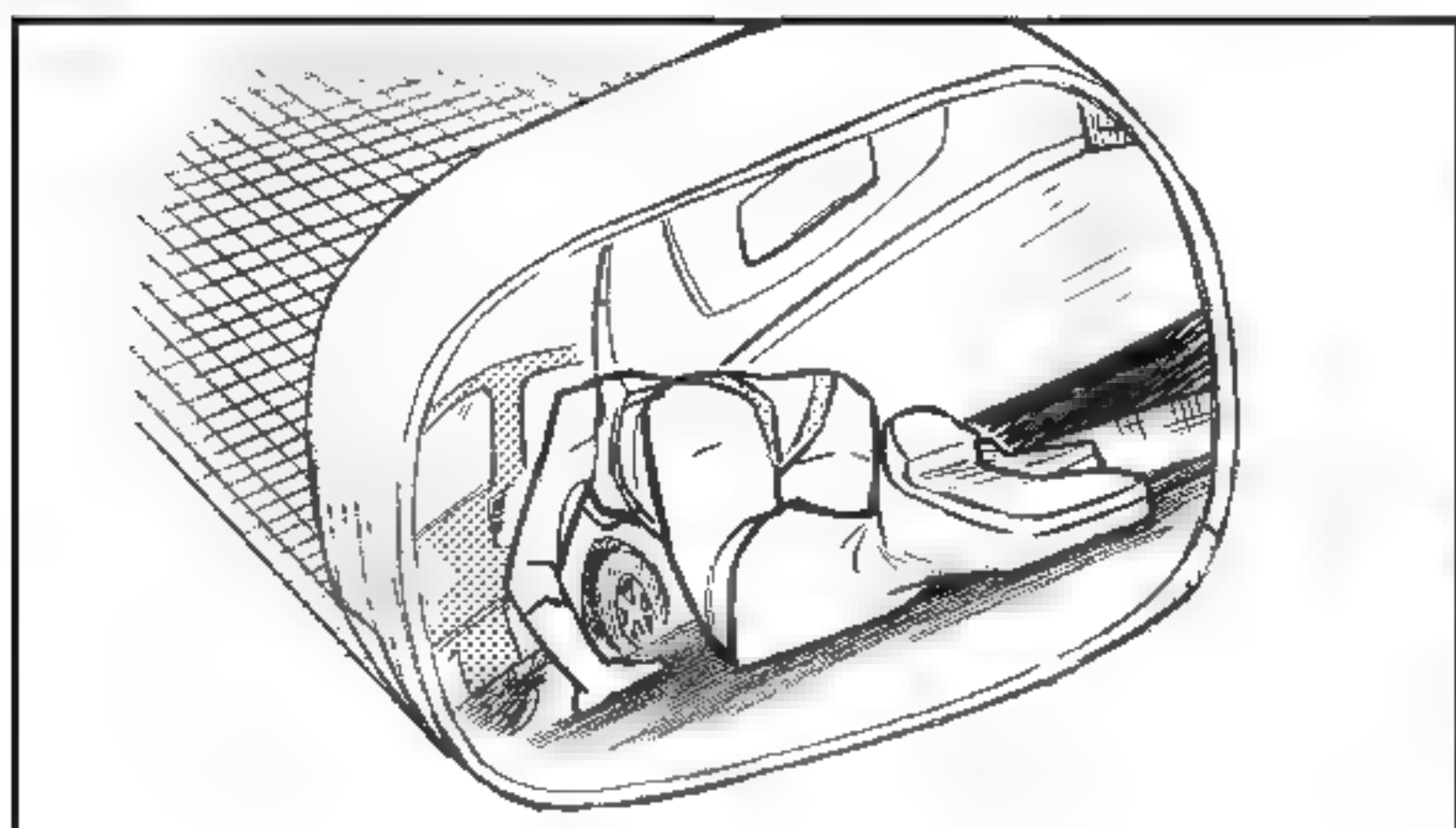
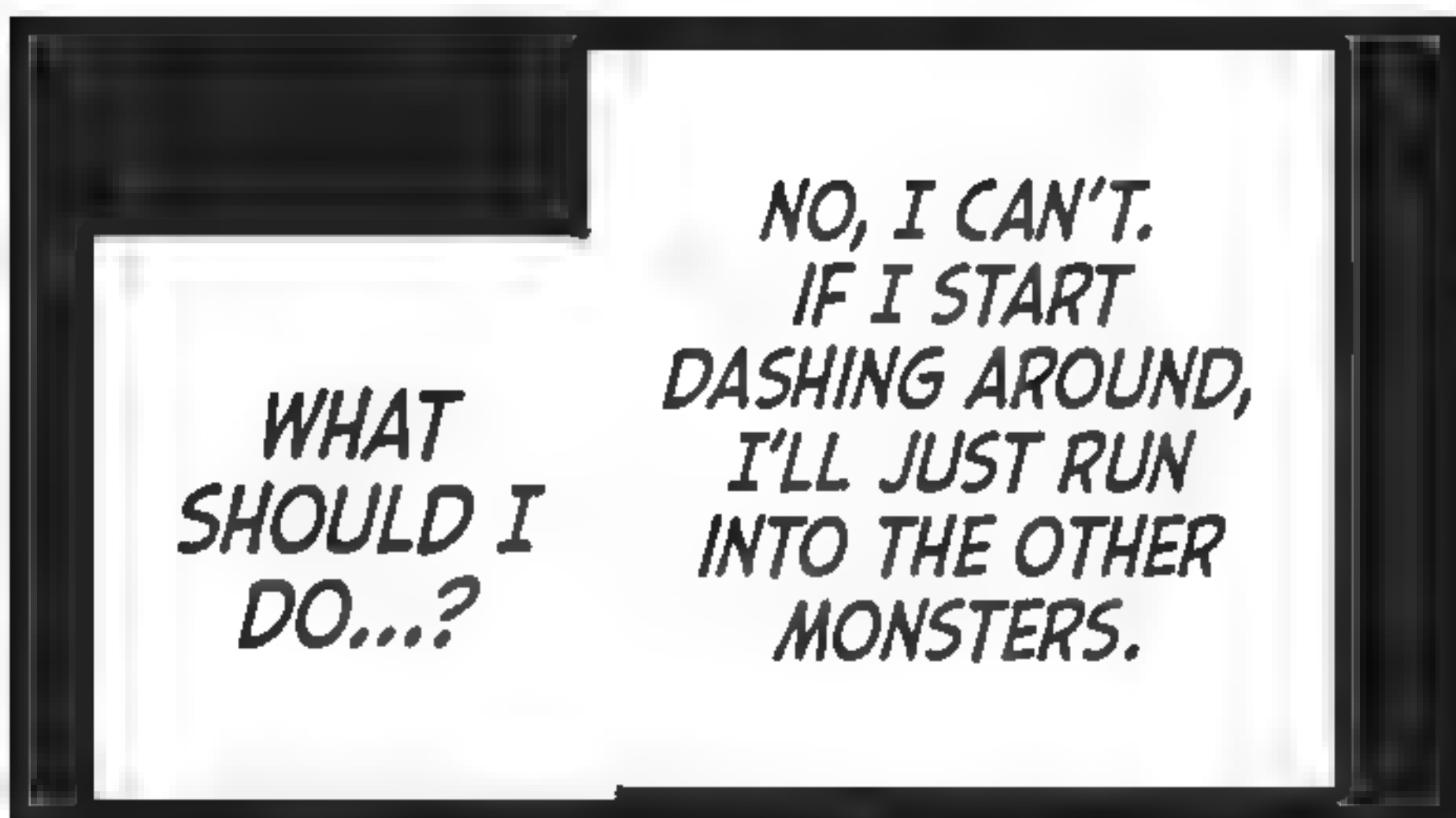
















YOU THINK  
I'D LEAVE  
WITHOUT  
GETTING  
PAYBACK?

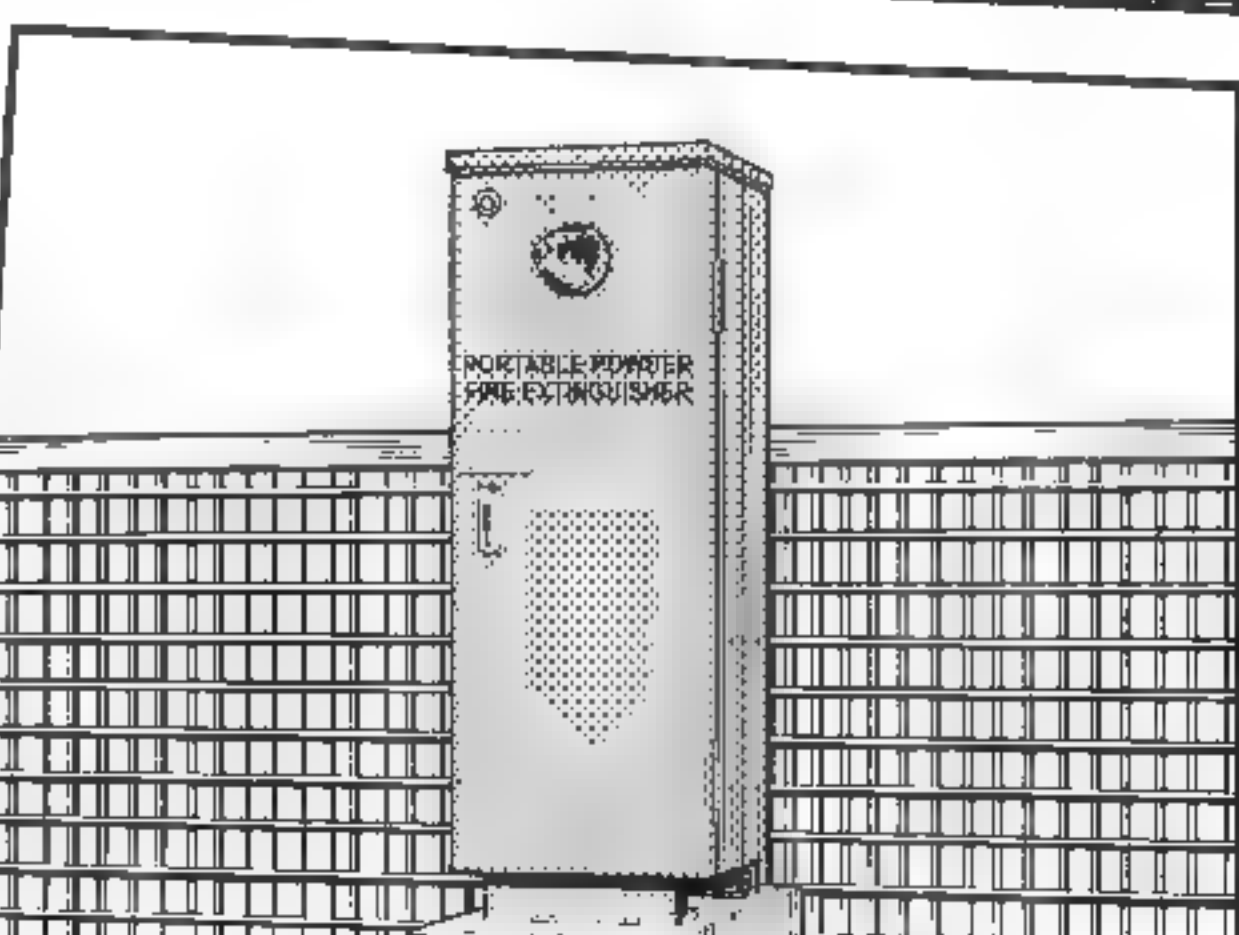
SO  
YOU'RE  
STILL  
HERE.

I WAS  
CONVINCED  
YOU'D TURNED  
TAIL AND RAN.

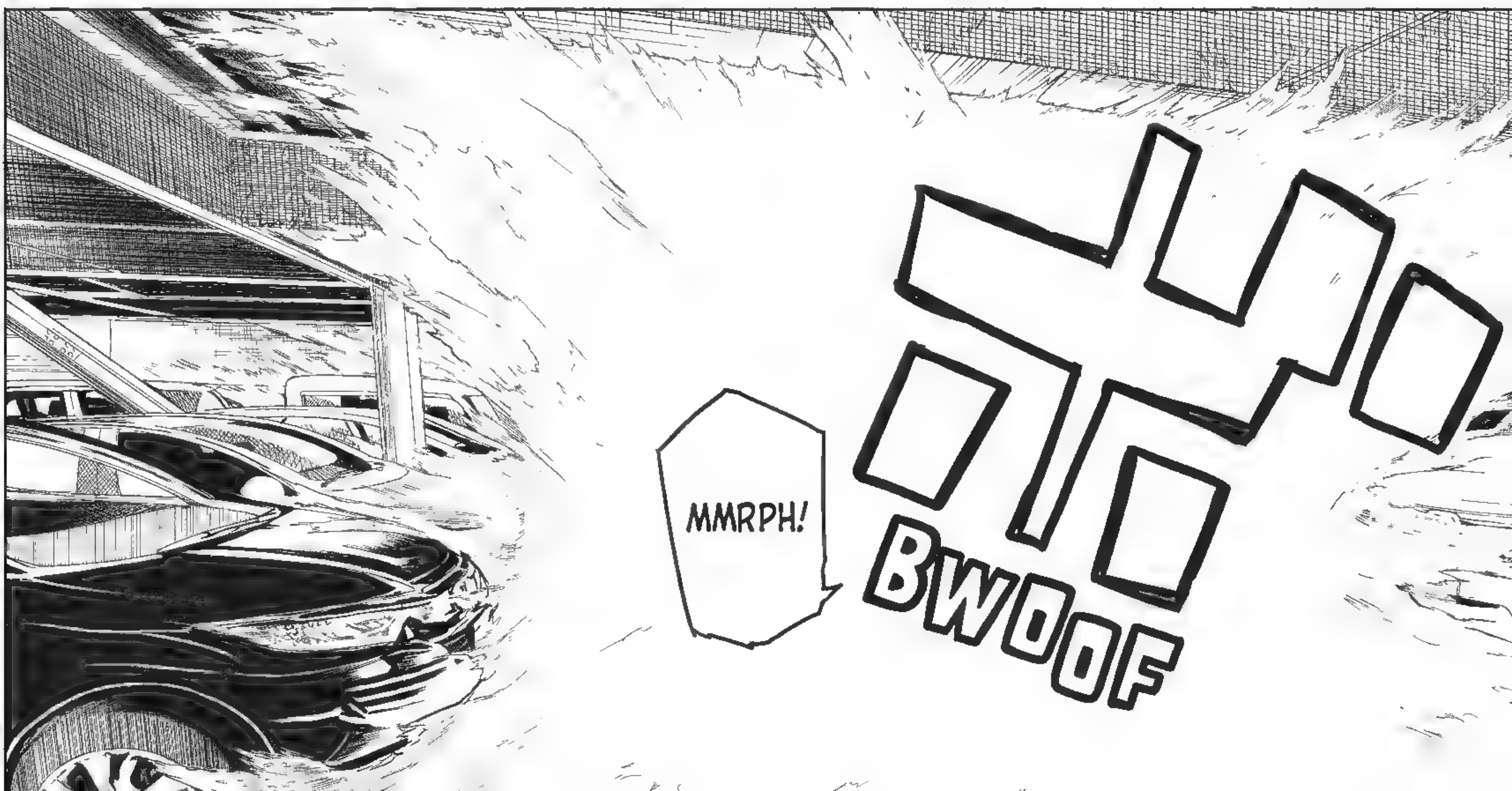
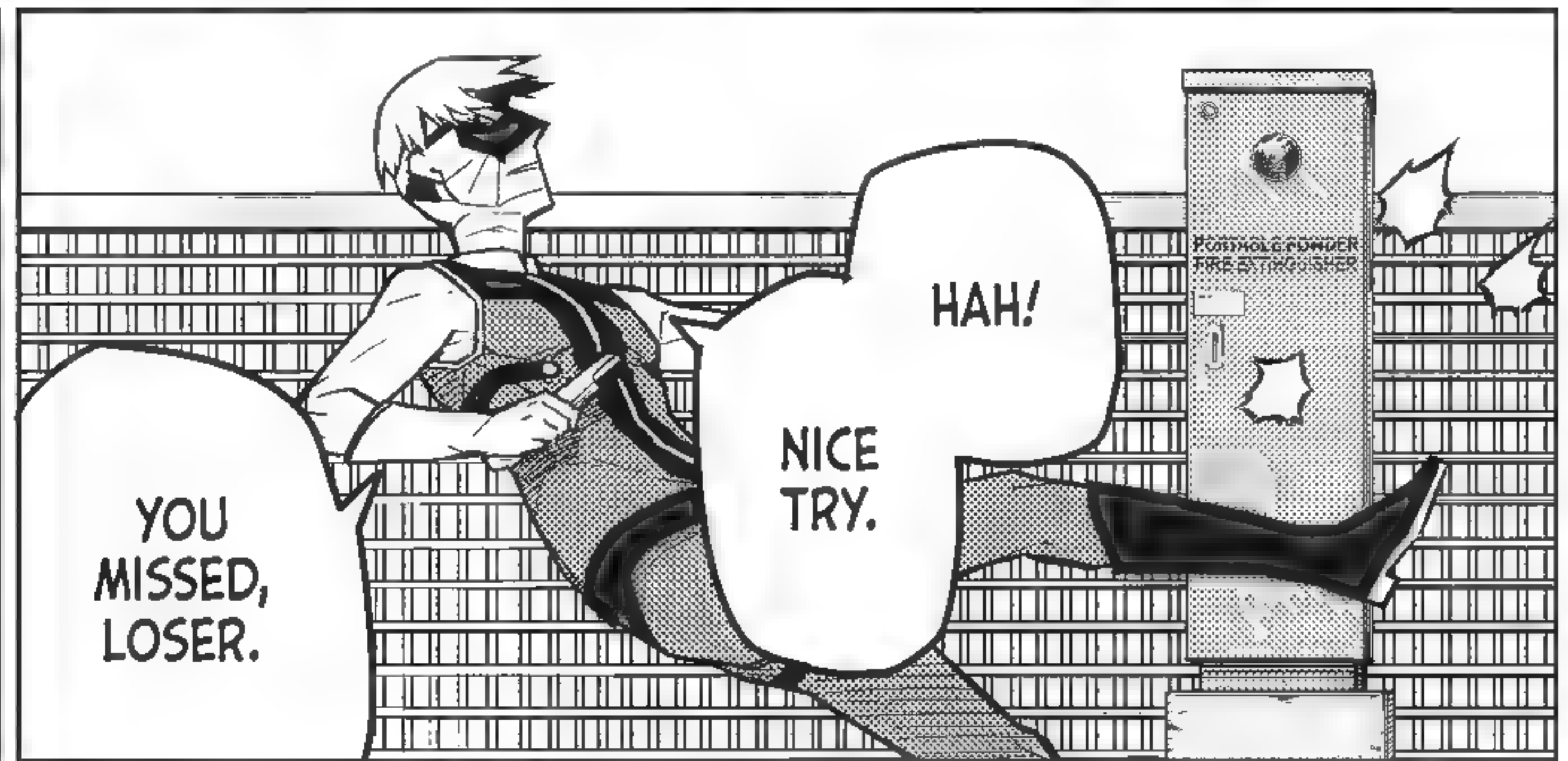
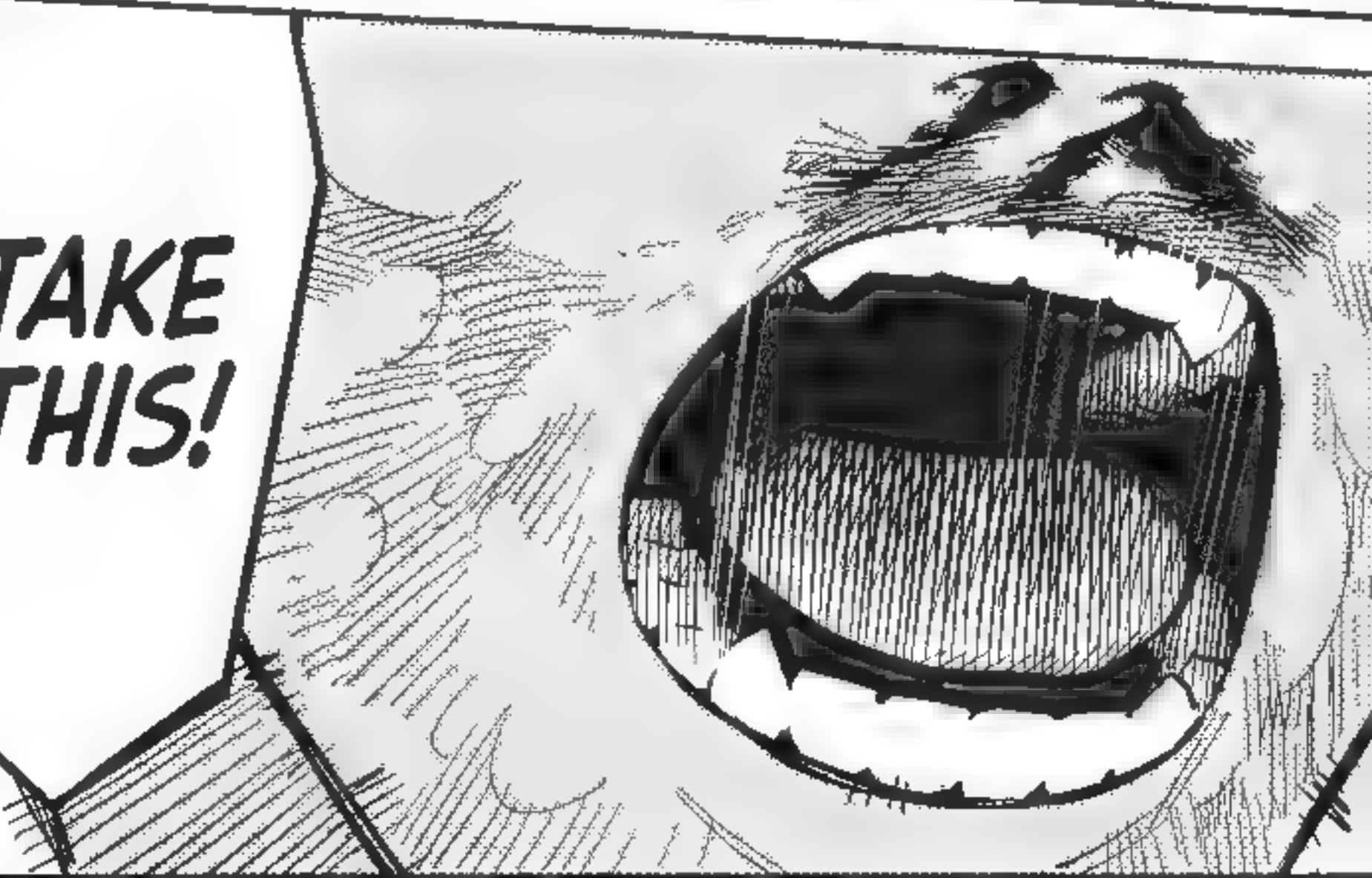
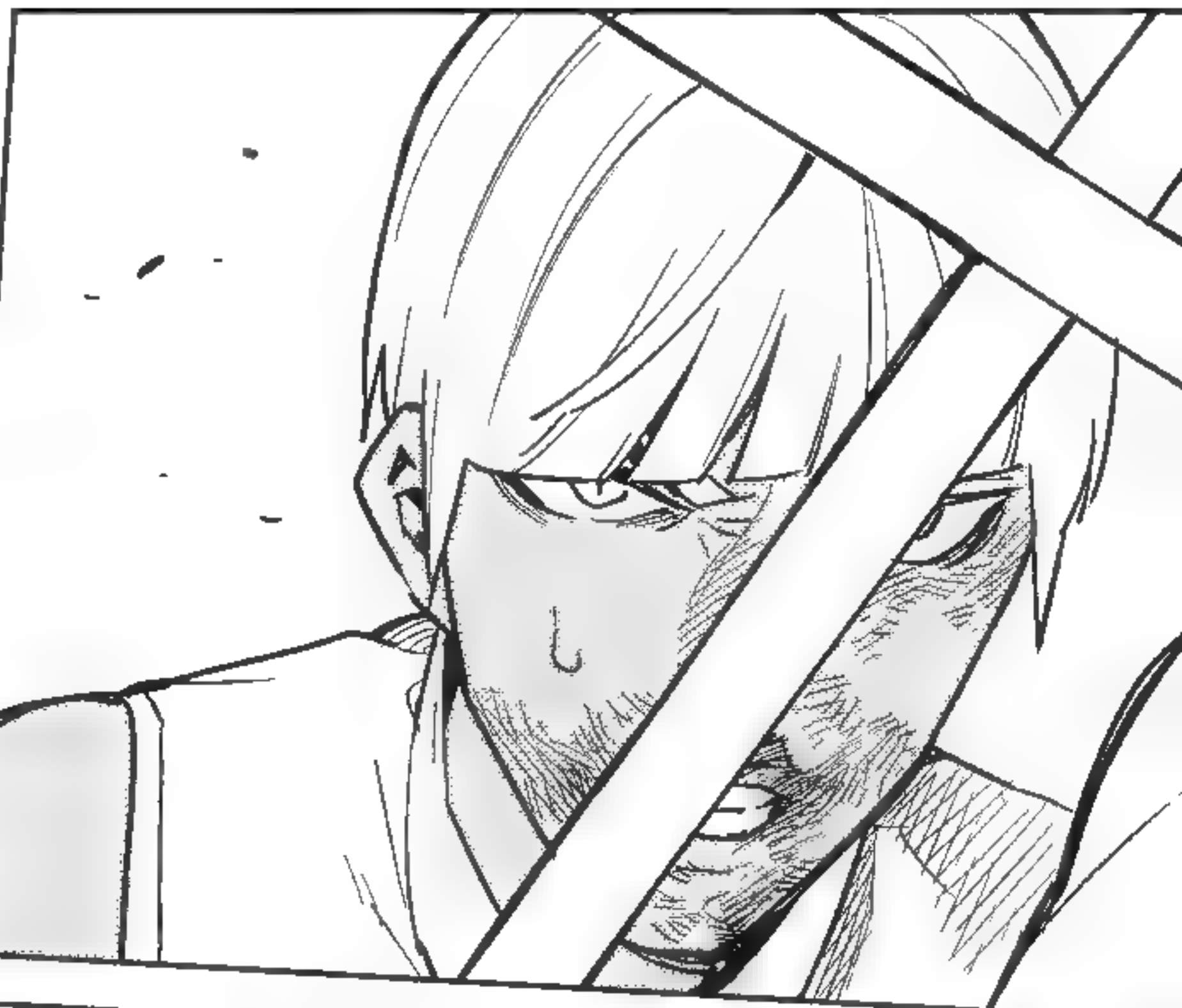


THIS  
WAY,  
SHION-  
KUN!

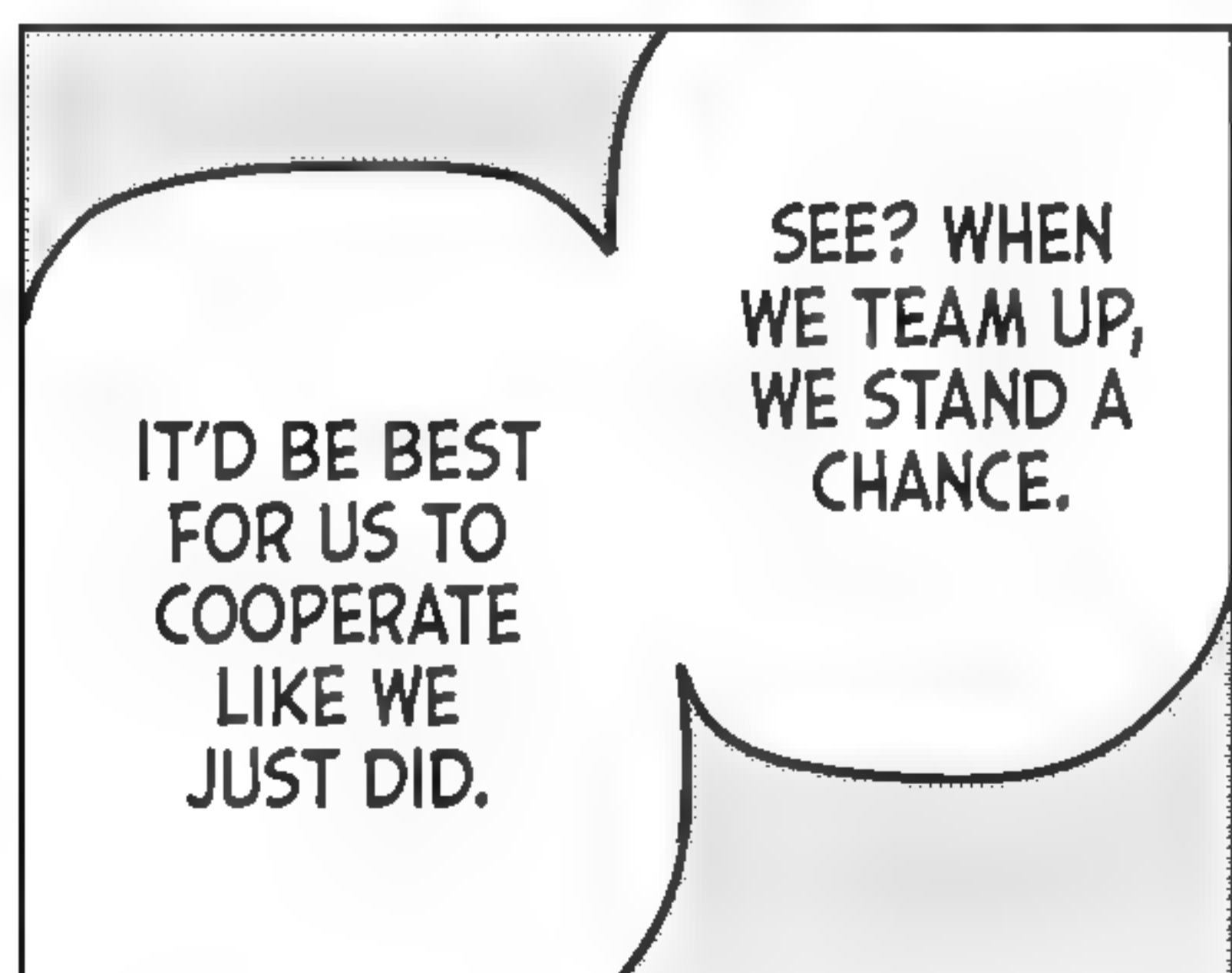
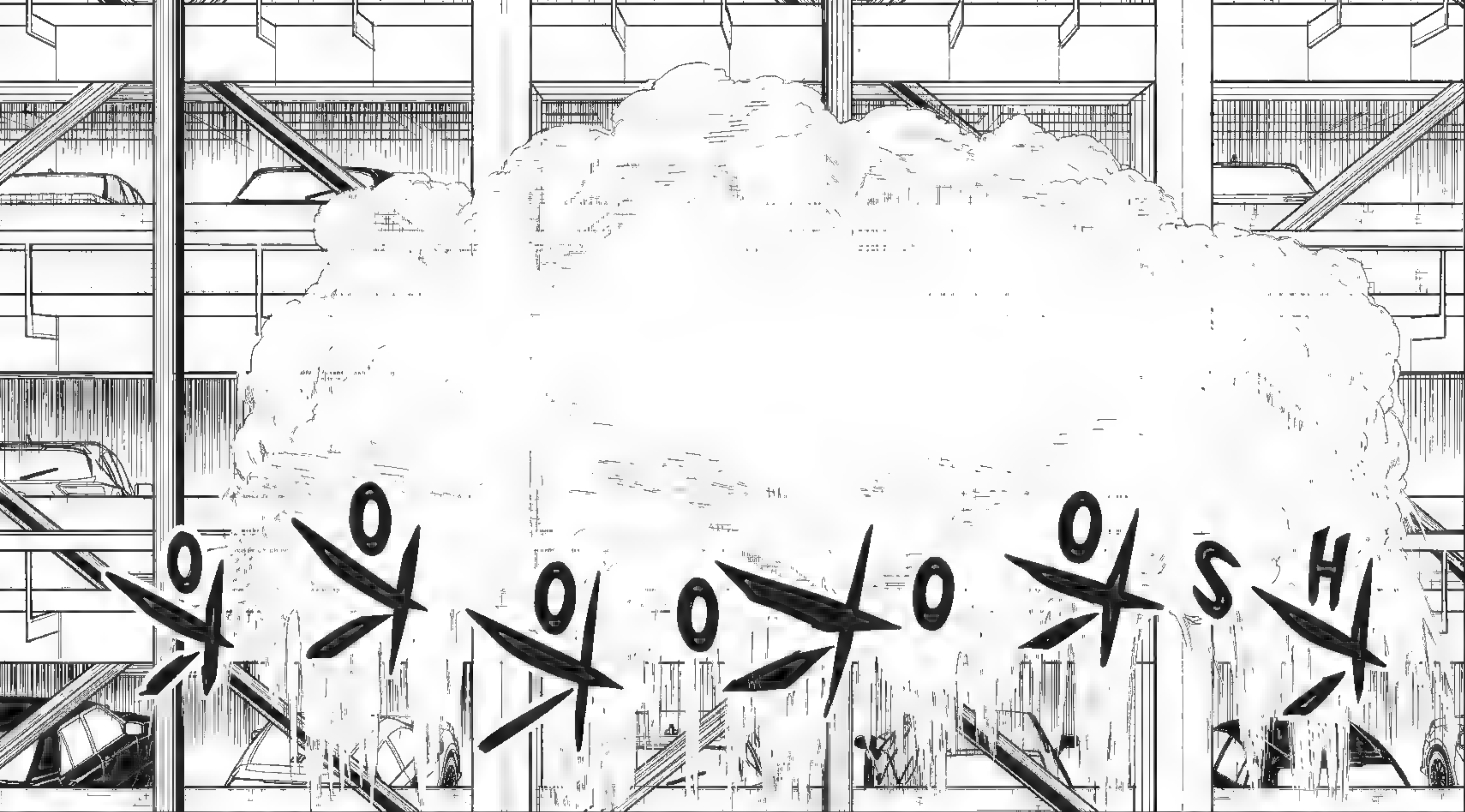
HEY!











IT'D BE BEST  
FOR US TO  
COOPERATE  
LIKE WE  
JUST DID.

SEE? WHEN  
WE TEAM UP,  
WE STAND A  
CHANCE.



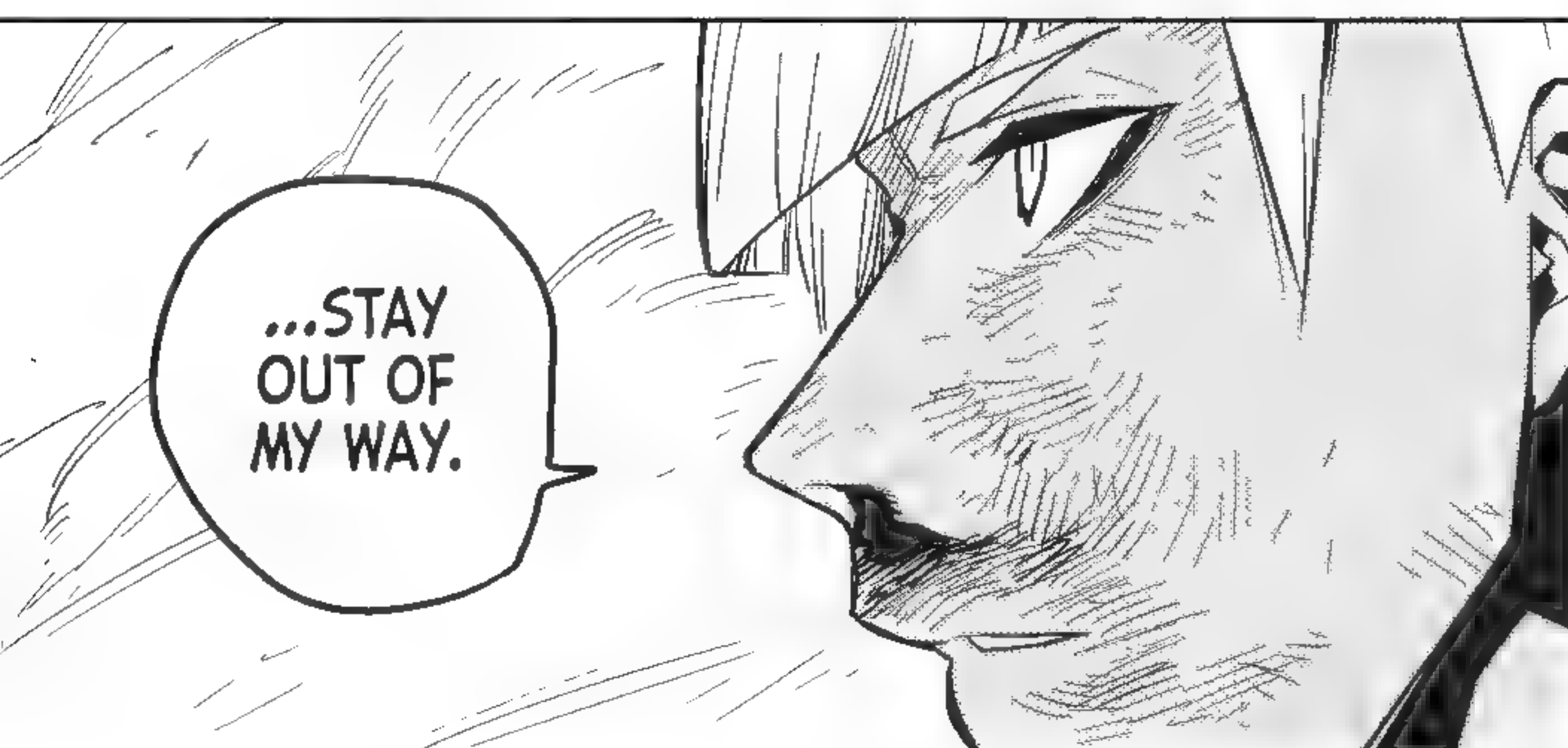
OVER  
HERE.

SHION-  
KUN!



PULLING BACK  
HERE IS THE  
SMARTEST...

LET'S  
TAKE THE  
TIME TO  
COME UP  
WITH A  
PLAN.

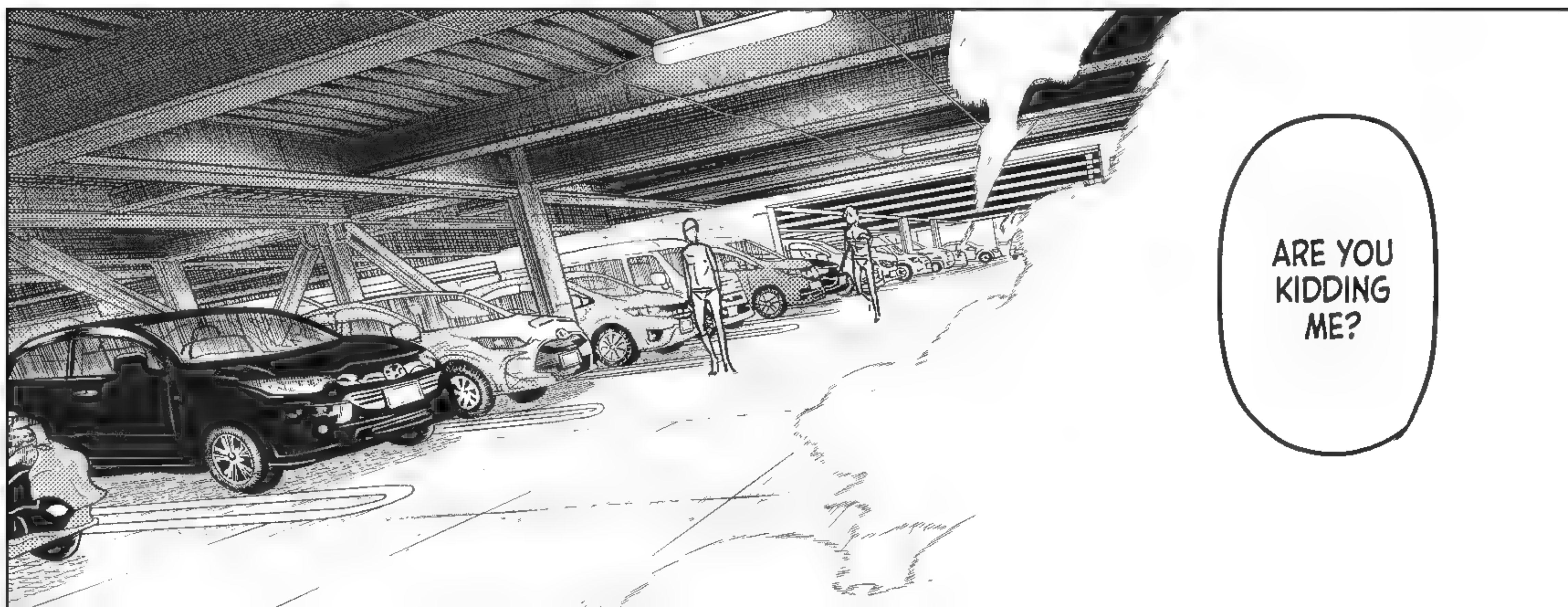


...STAY  
OUT OF  
MY WAY.



HEY,  
WAIT...  
  
ARE  
YOU EVEN  
LISTENING  
TO ME?













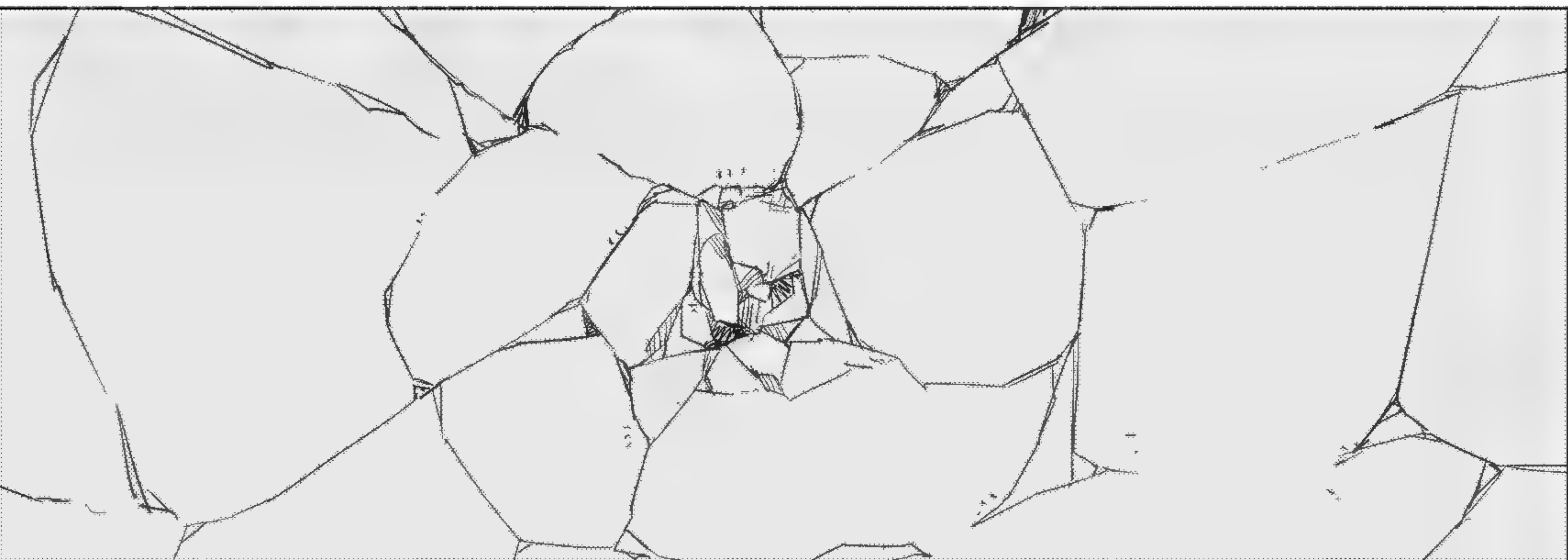
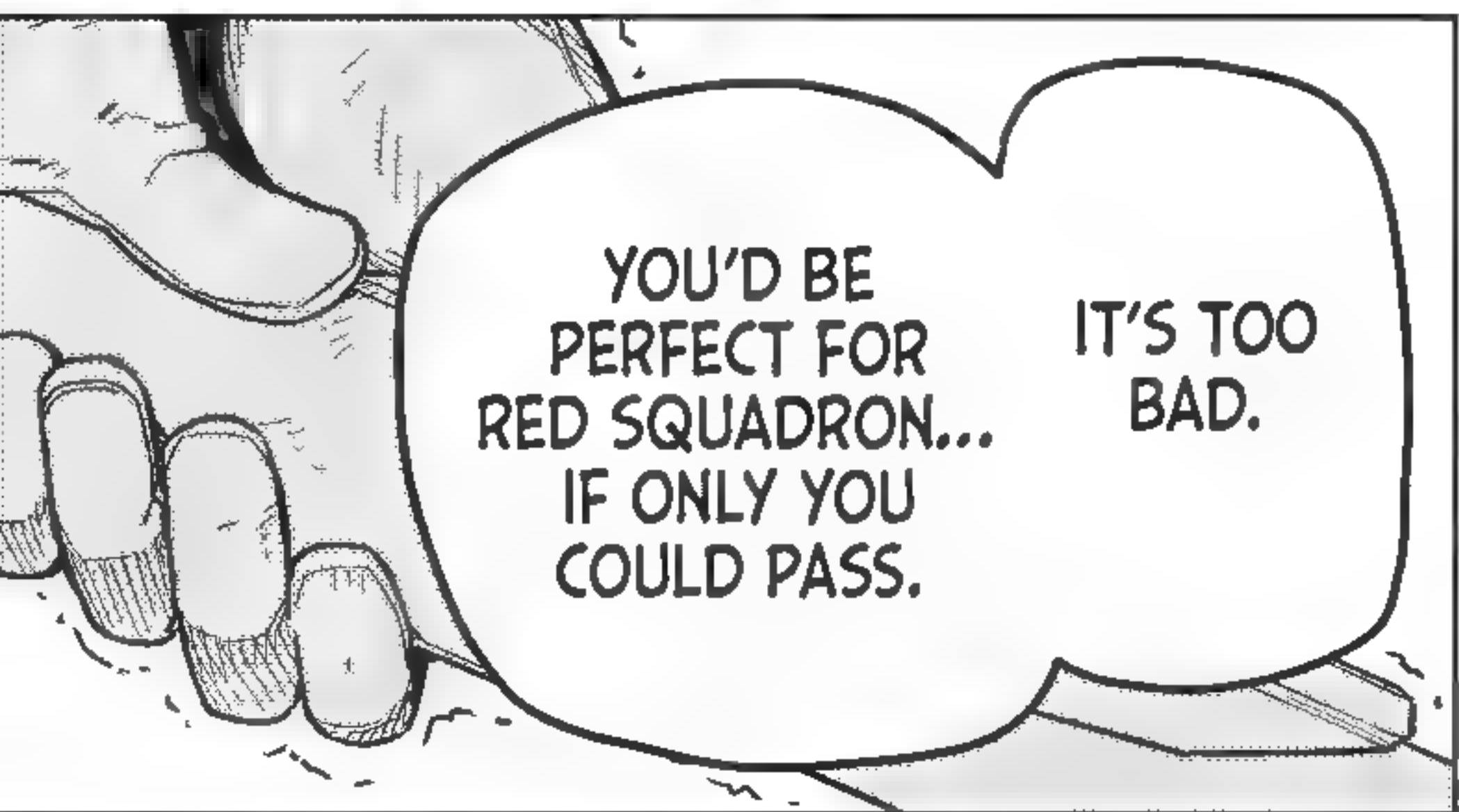








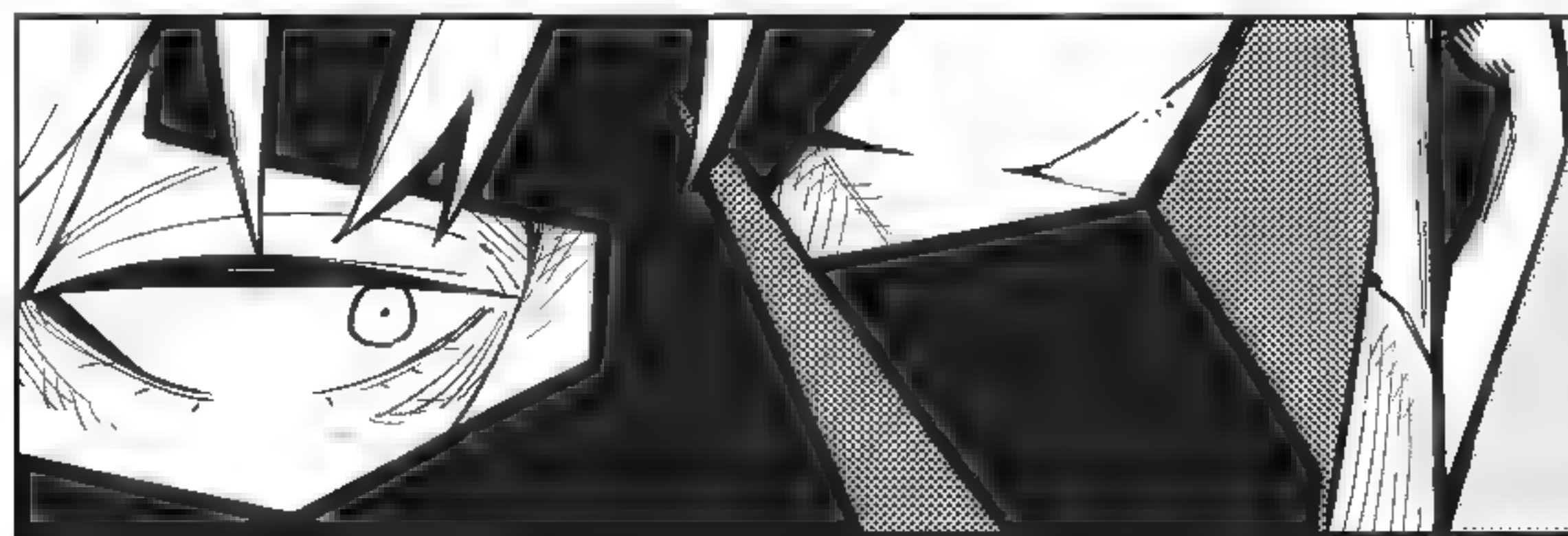
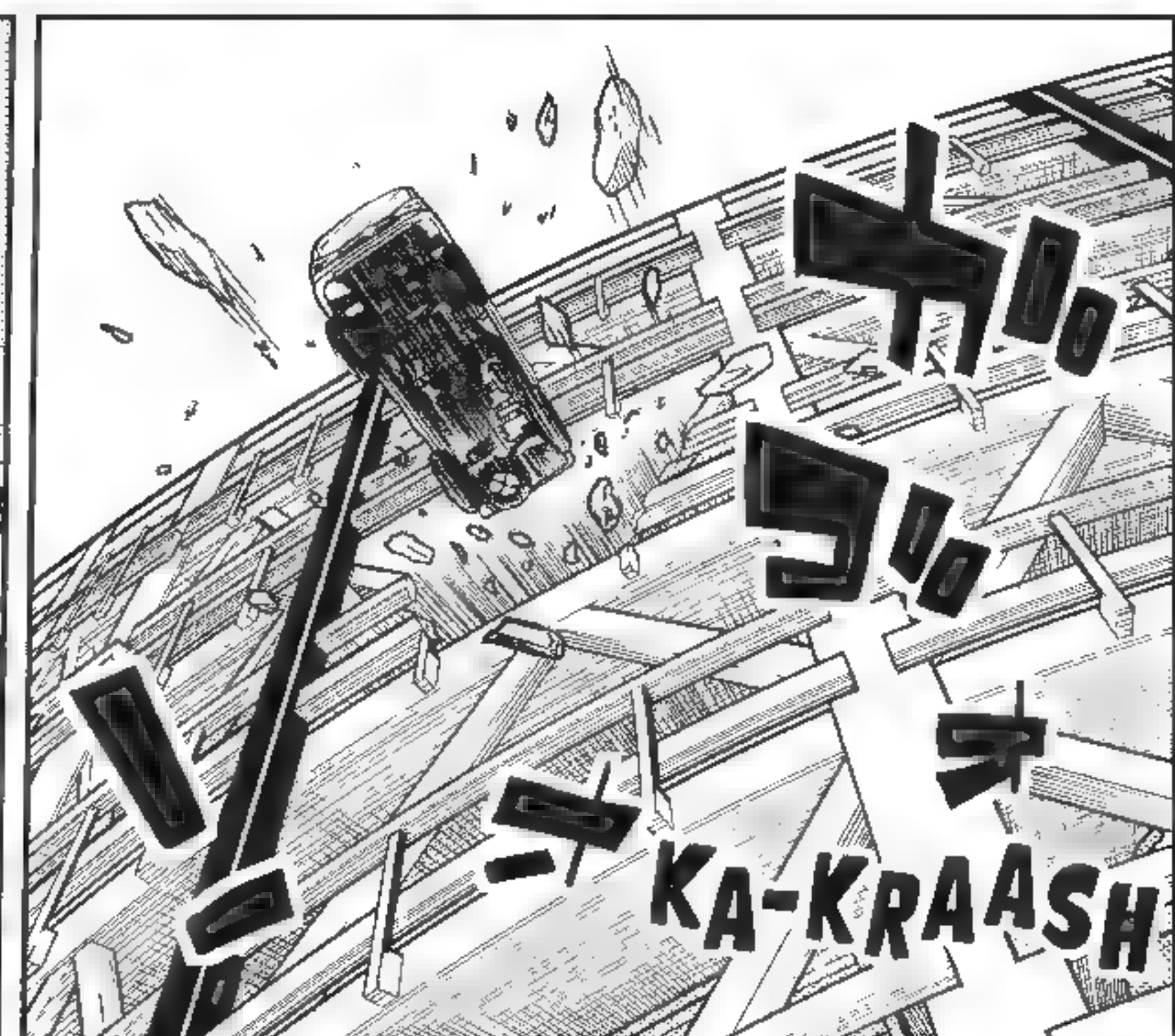




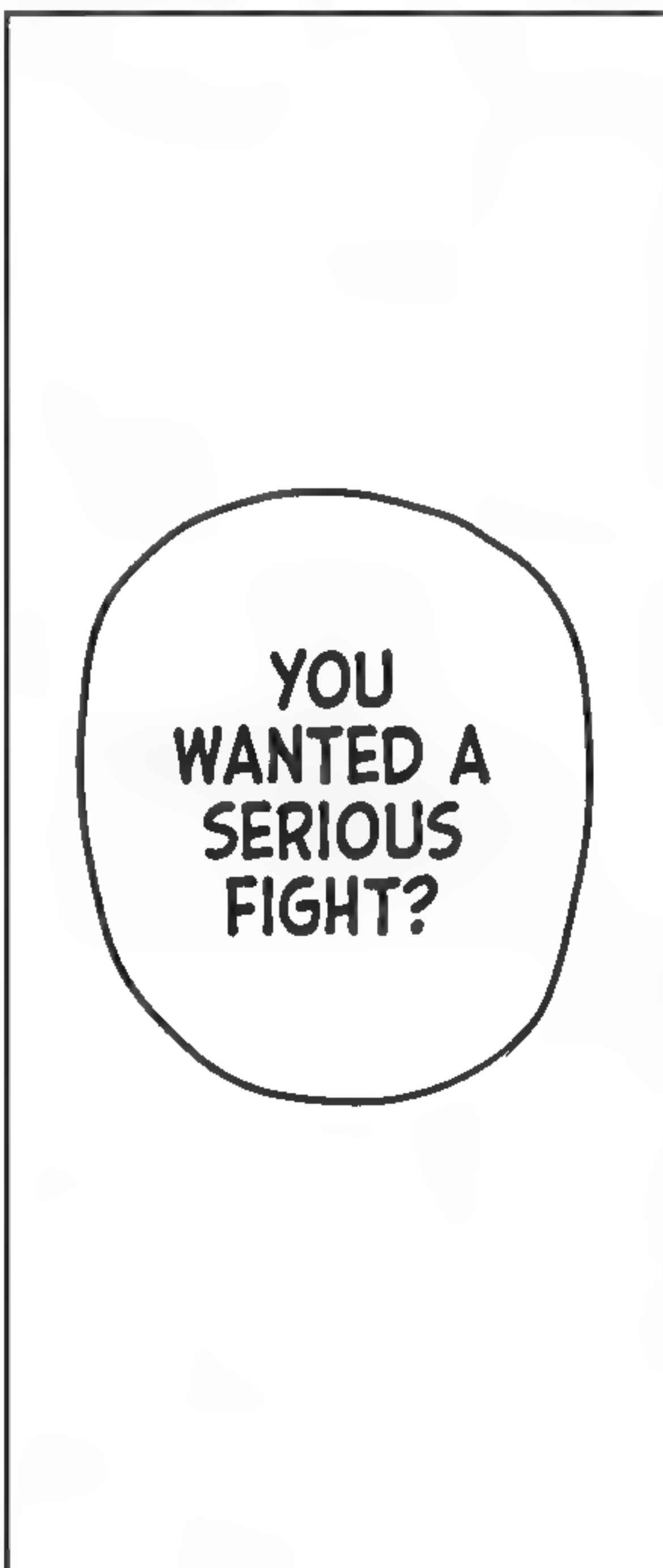














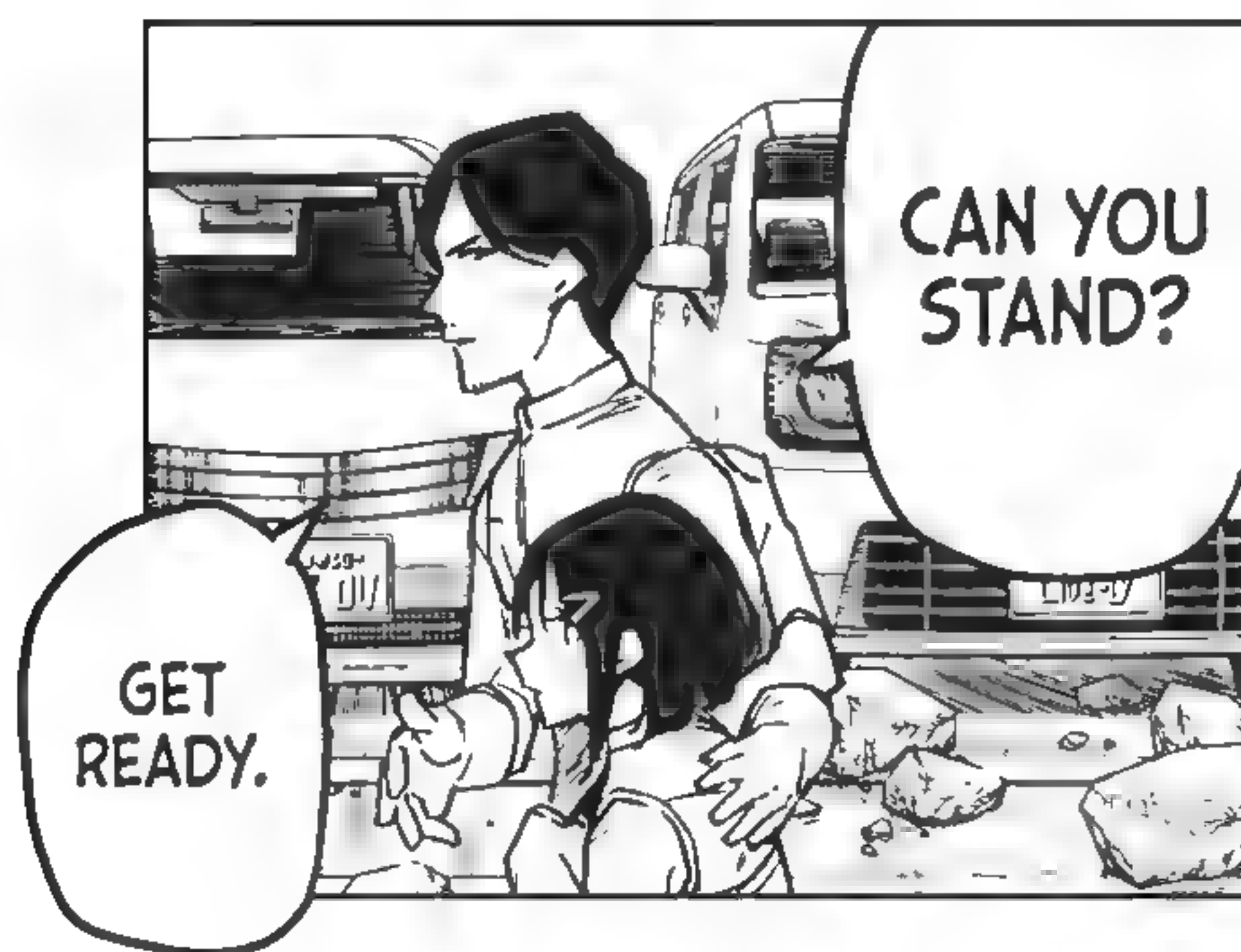


IF YOU'RE  
THE LOSER,  
YOU MIGHT  
AS WELL BE  
DUST.

IF YOU'RE  
THE WINNER,  
ALL IS  
FORGIVEN.

IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHAT YOU  
DO.

ALL THAT  
MATTERS IS  
WINNING.



GET  
READY.

CAN YOU  
STAND?

IT'S  
SAKURA-  
MA.

HER  
LITTLE  
BROTHER.

HUH.  
INTERESTING.

I'VE SEEN  
YOUR FACE  
SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE.













WHAT'RE  
YOU TRYING  
TO DO?

GO AFTER  
THE OTHER  
THREE,  
TOO!

WHY  
ARE YOU  
ONLY  
GOING  
AFTER  
ME?!



HE PROBABLY  
WANTED HIS  
COLORLESS  
BUDDIES TO  
HELP HIM OUT,  
BUT ALL HE'S  
DONE IS DIG HIS  
OWN GRAVE.

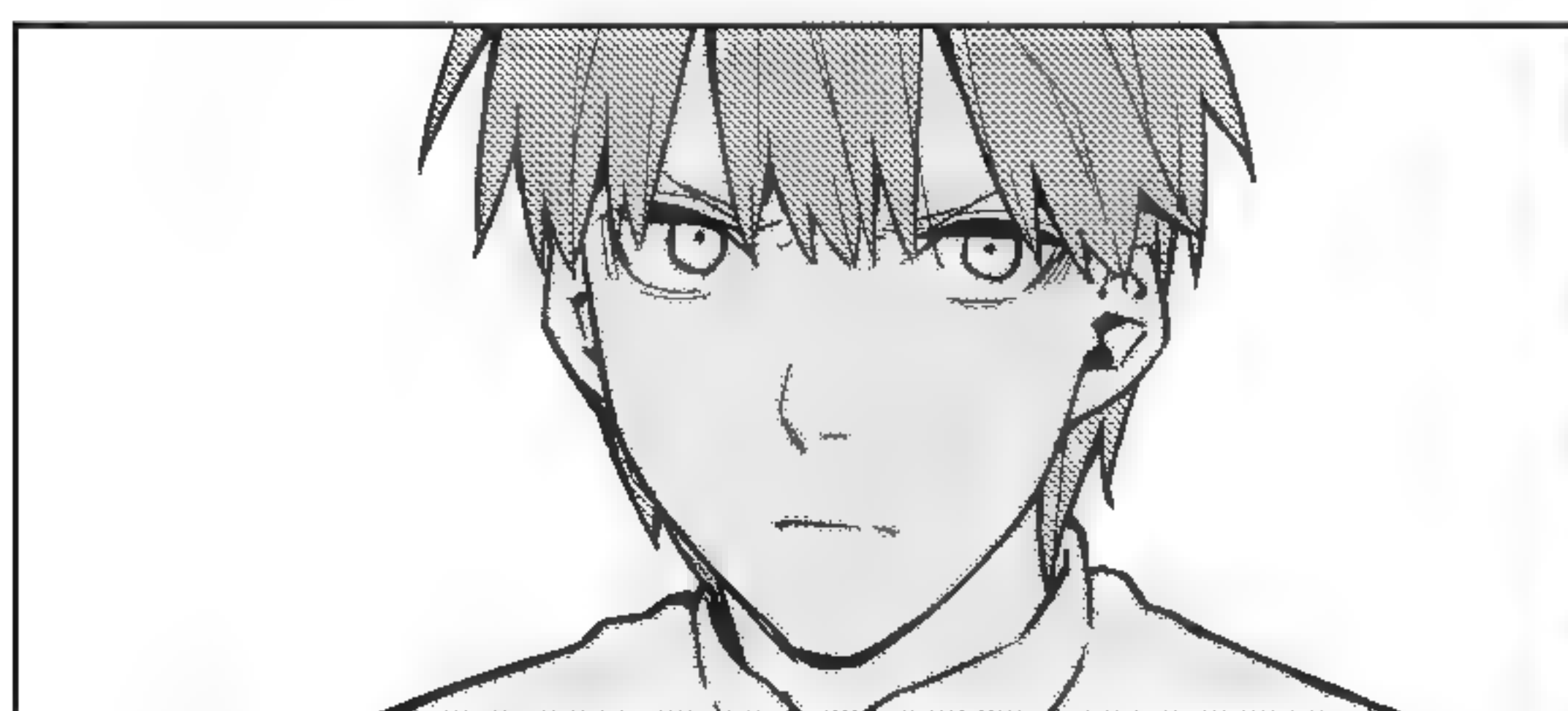
HE KNOWS  
HOW TO RUN  
HIS MOUTH,  
THAT'S ALL.  
HE CAN'T  
BACK IT UP.



DON'T  
GET YOUR  
HOPES UP.  
HE'S NOTHING  
SPECIAL.

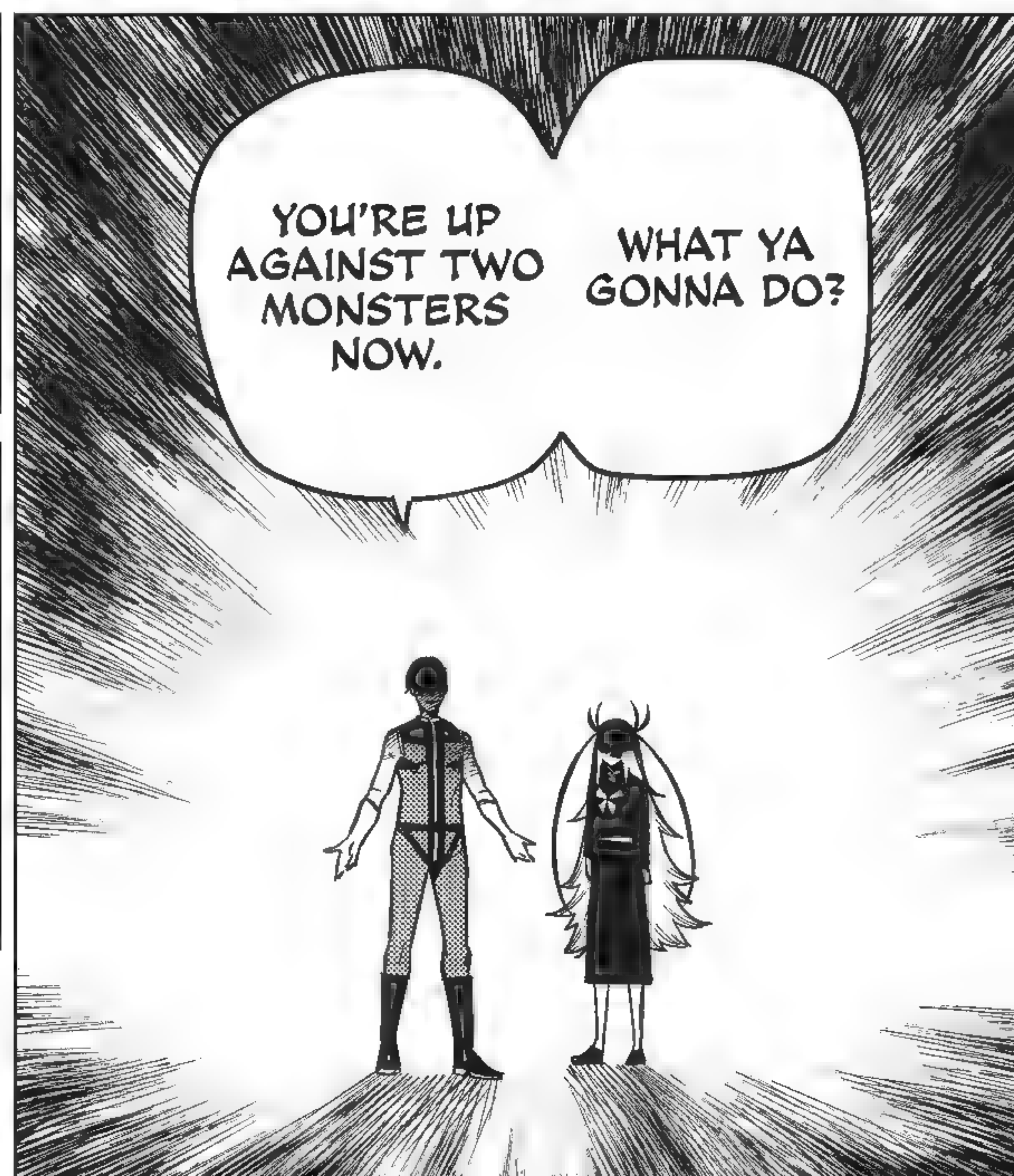
THE  
SIGHT OF  
YOU PISSES  
ME OFF.

STOP RUNNING  
AND FACE ME.  
WE CAN FIGHT.



SO I  
GUESS  
THIS ONLY  
MAKES  
SENSE  
AS A  
SIMULATED  
FIGHT...

'COURSE,  
THOSE  
DAMNED  
FIGHTERS  
COME  
DOWN IN  
PACKS.



YOU'RE UP  
AGAINST TWO  
MONSTERS  
NOW.

WHAT YA  
GONNA DO?





BUT  
COMPARED  
TO THOSE  
MONSTERS...

...WE'RE  
PROBABLY  
A HUNDRED  
TIMES MORE  
VICIOUS.



YOU'RE  
STRONG,  
THAT'S  
ALL.

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
A THING, DO  
YOU.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
SCARY  
ABOUT  
YOU.



RUN,  
EVERYONE!

WE'LL  
SPLIT UP AND  
SURROUND  
THEM ON ALL  
SIDES.



WE'LL  
JUST HAVE  
TO DO WHAT  
WE CAN.

EVEN SO, A  
FOUR-ON-TWO  
BATTLE IS  
NOTHING LIKE  
A TWO-ON-  
ONE FIGHT.

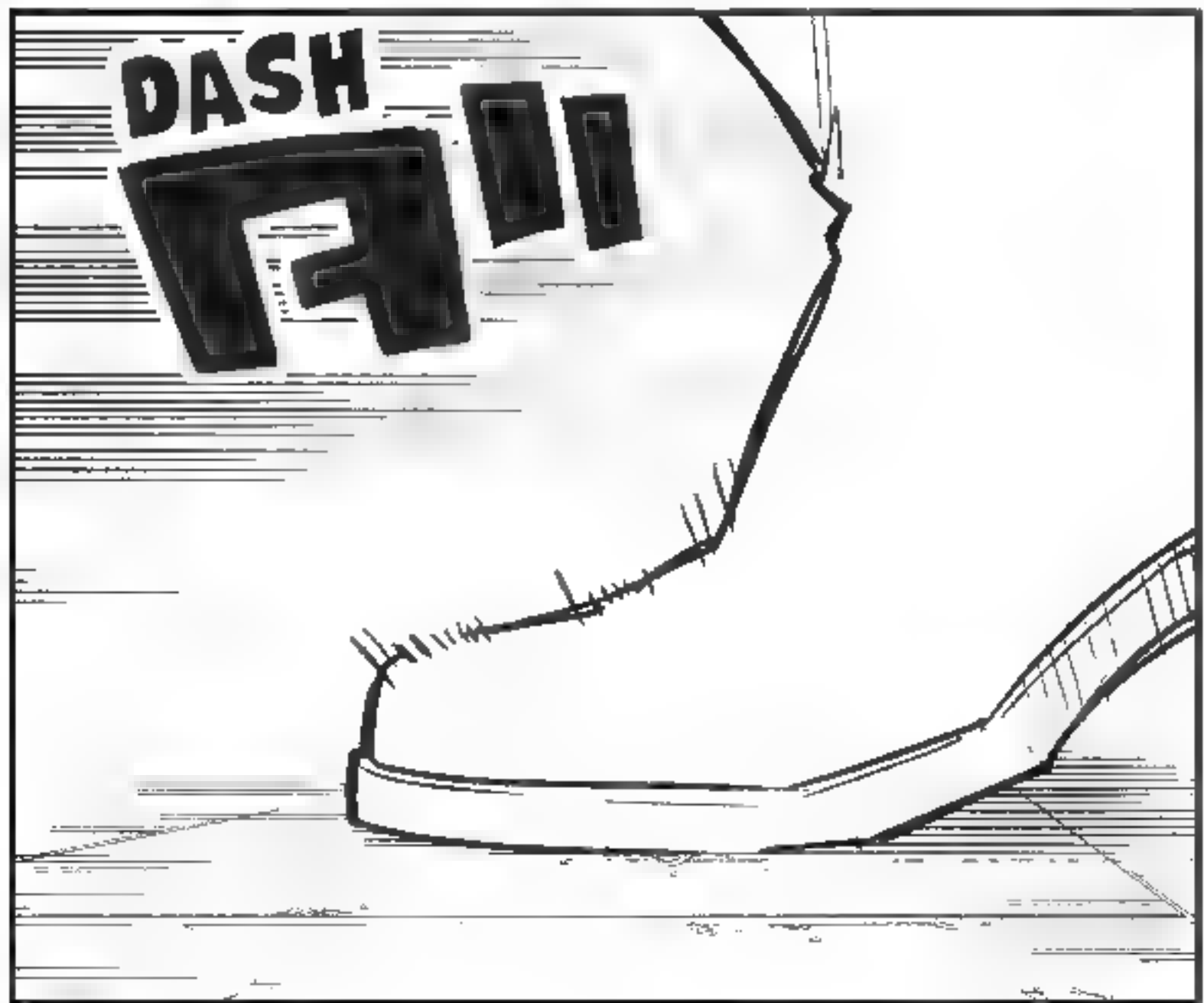




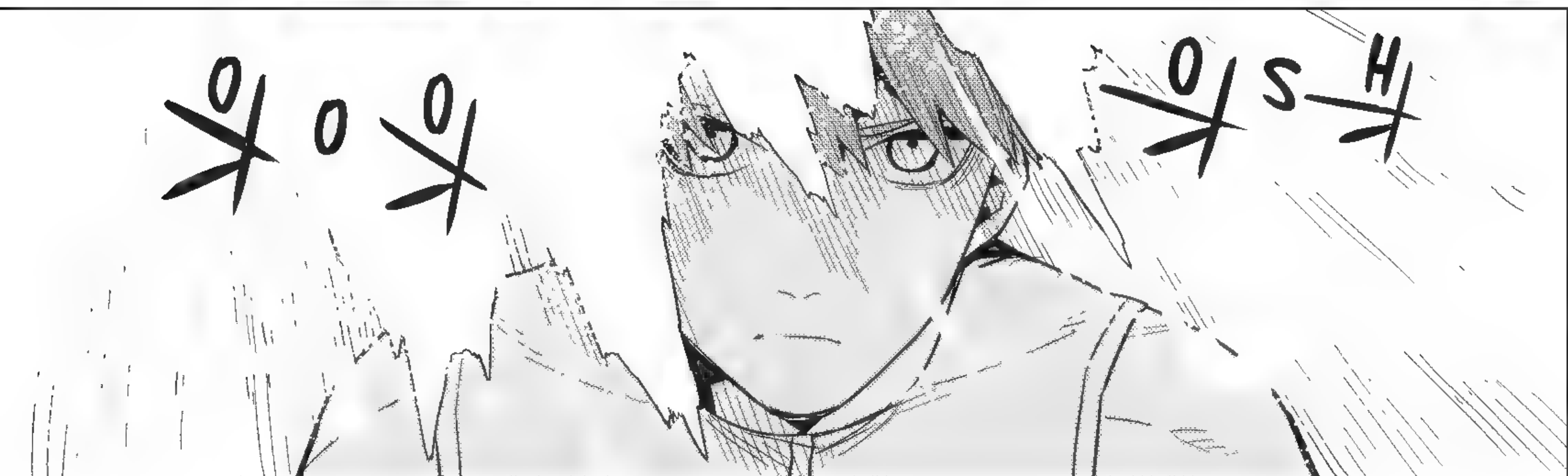
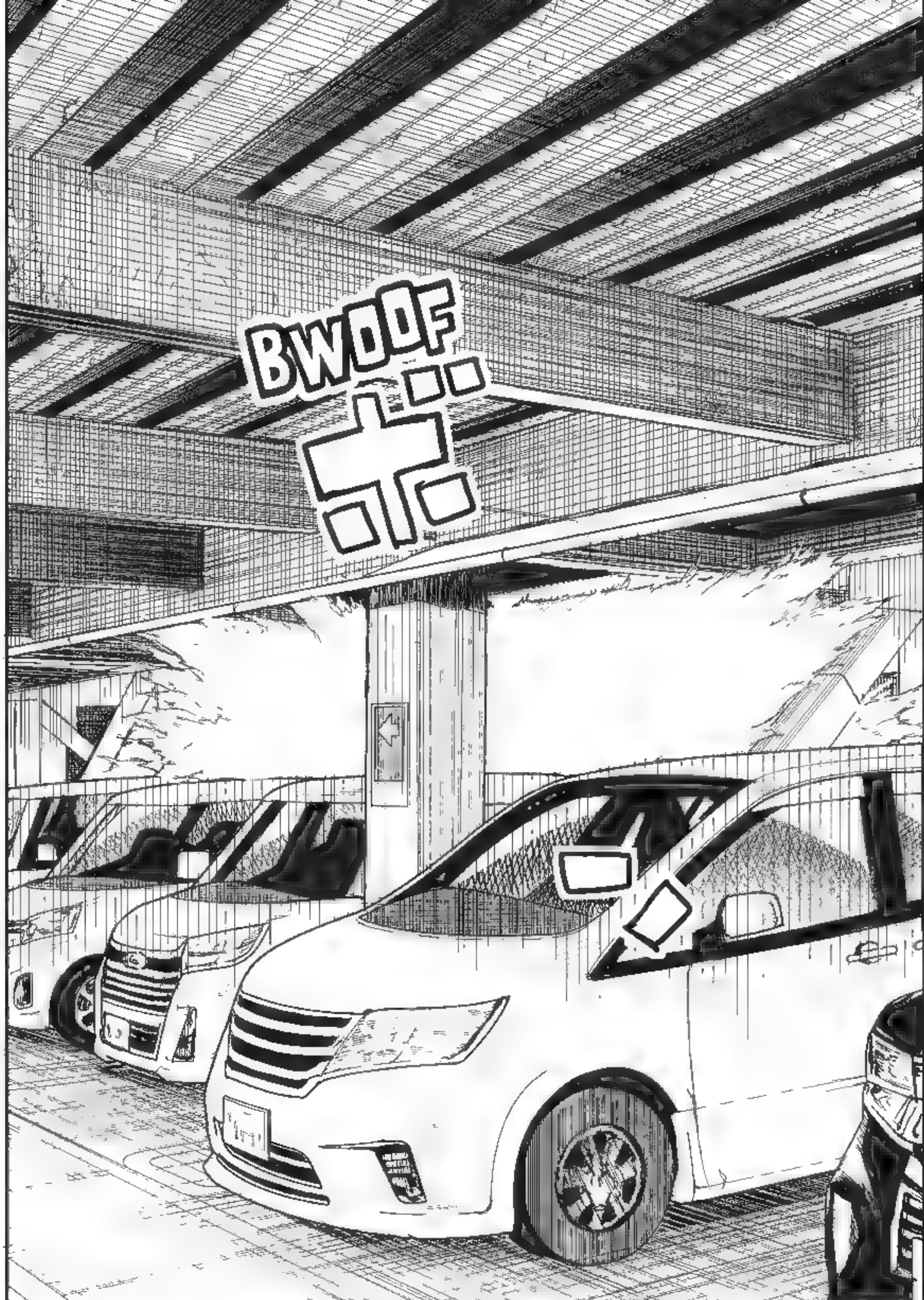
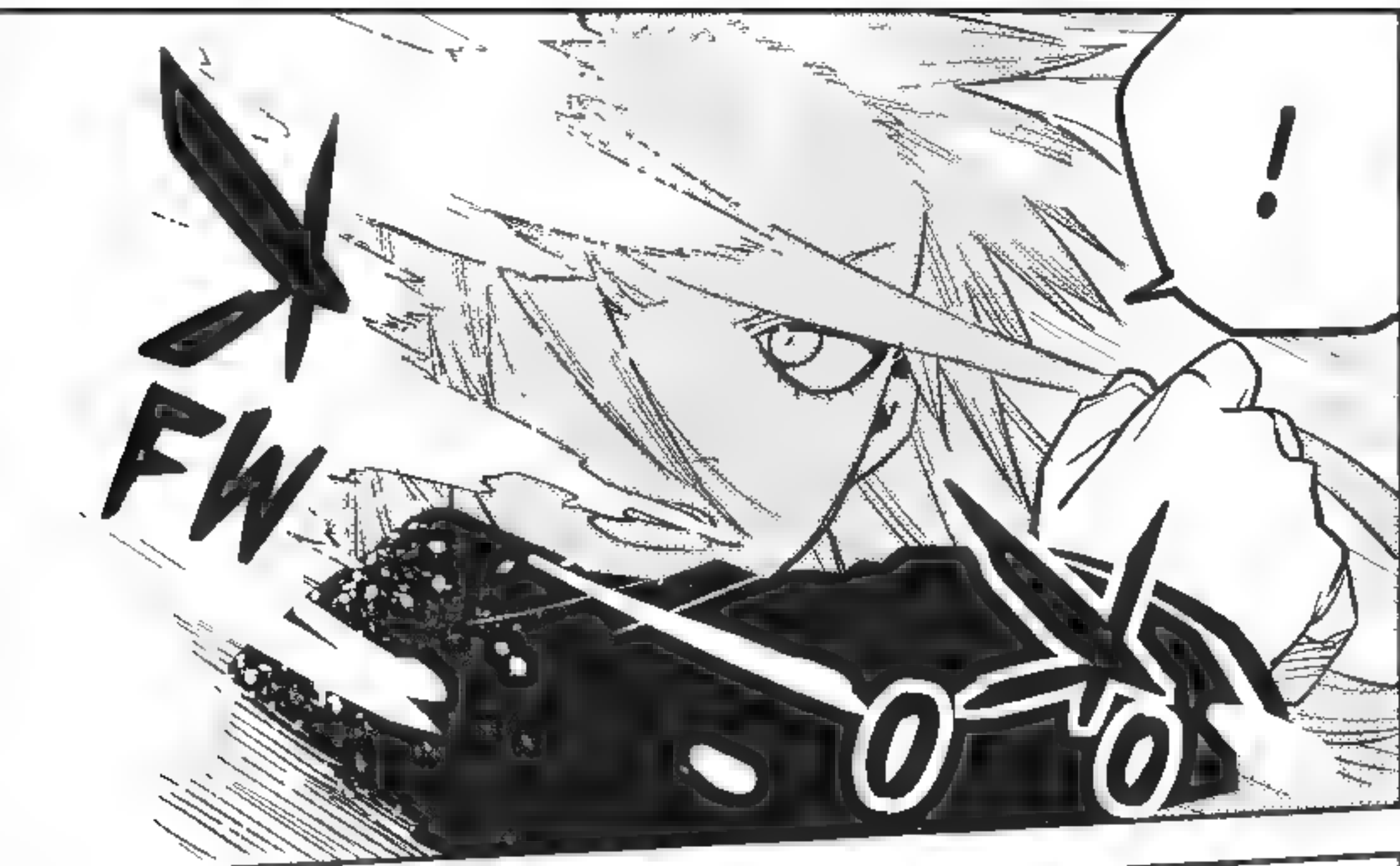








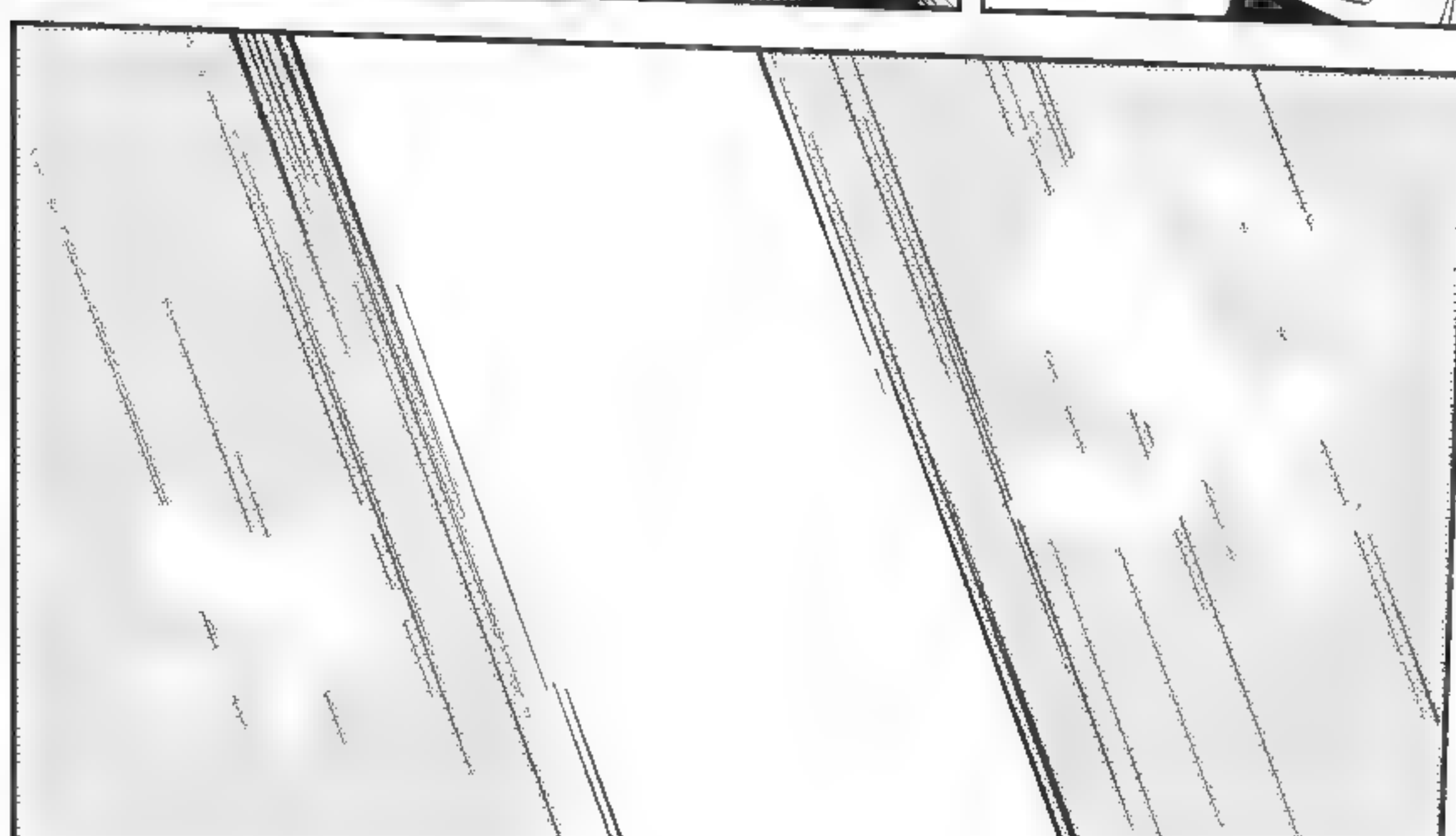
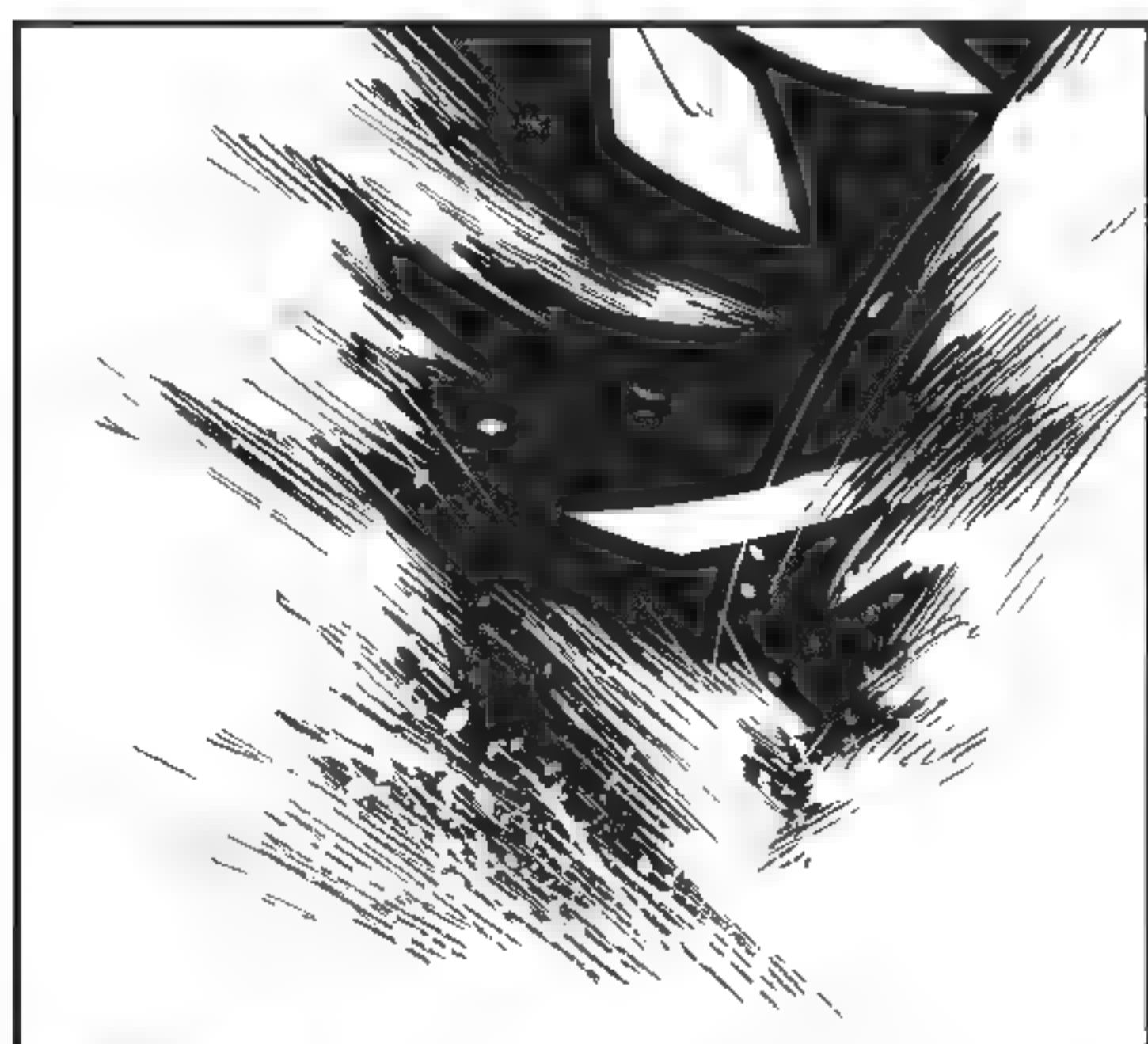




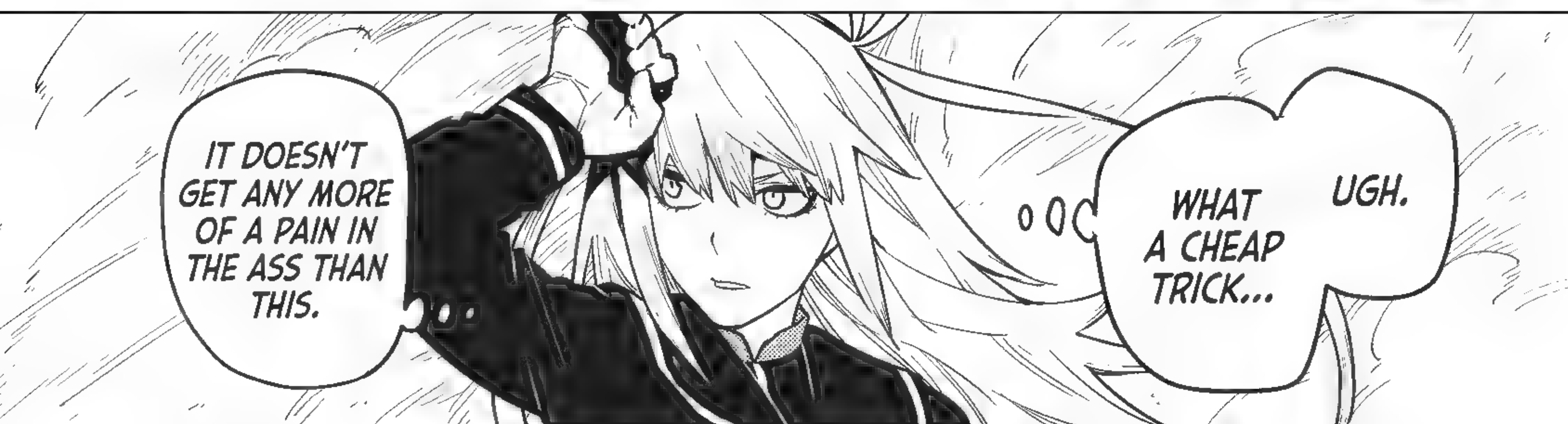
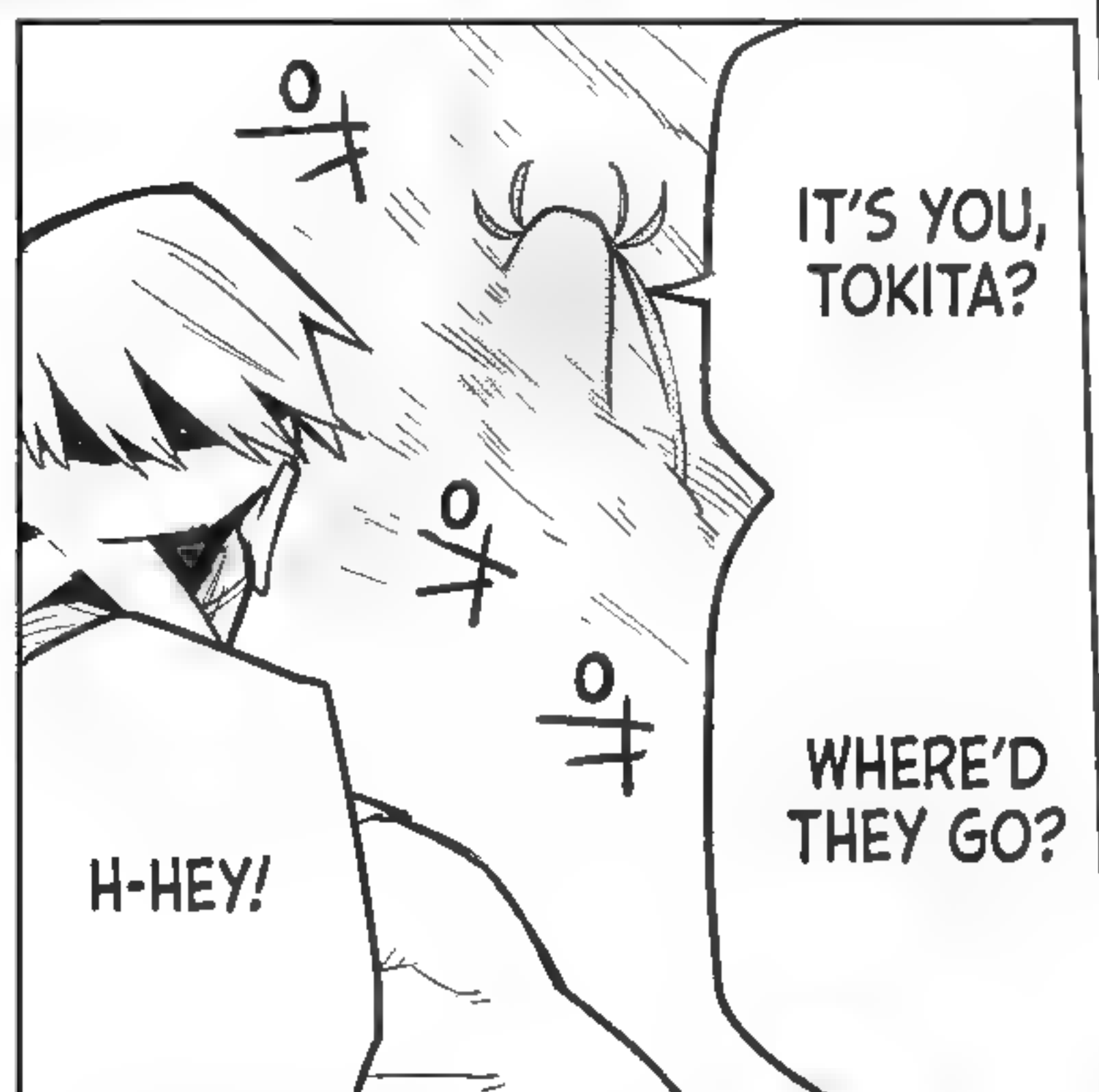
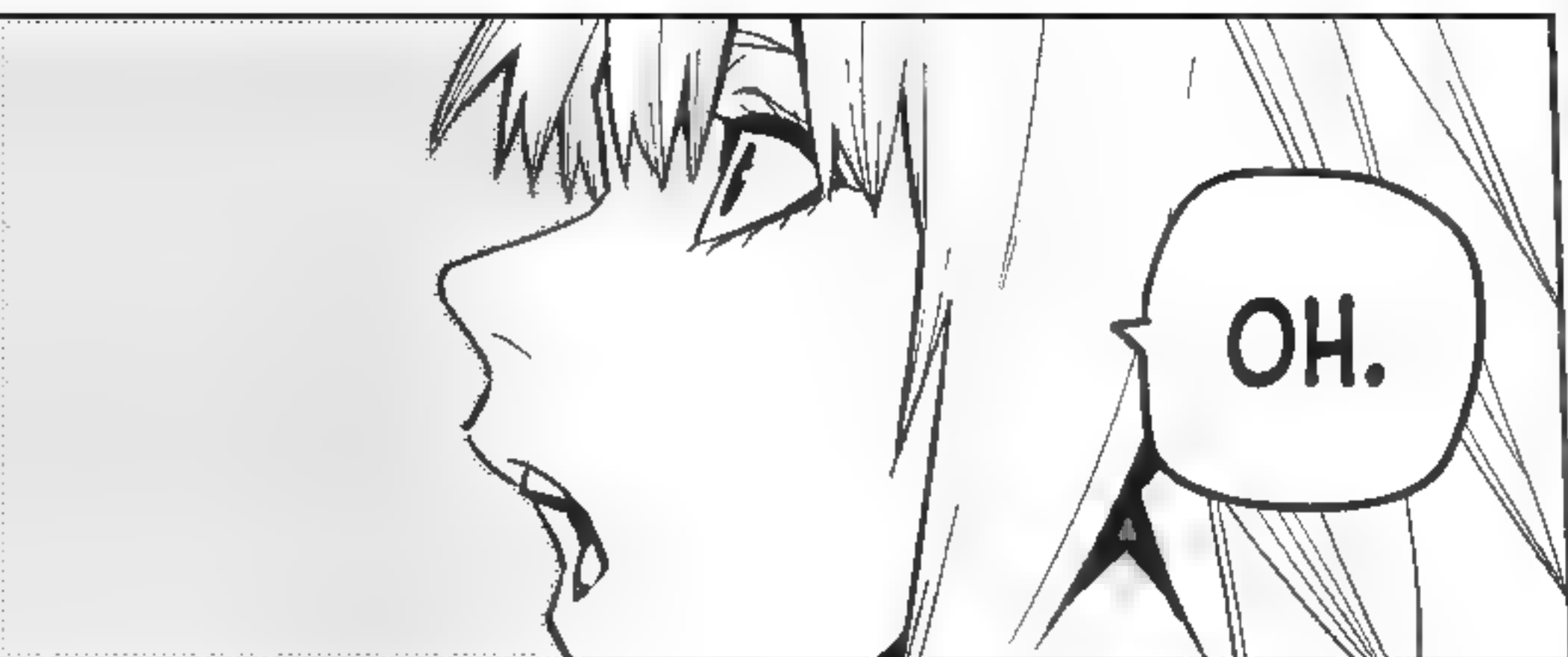


NOTHING CAN  
OVERCOME HOW  
MUCH STRONGER  
I AM THAN ALL  
OF YOU. THAT'S  
ALL I NEED  
TO MAKE YOU  
SUBMIT.

YOU THINK  
I'D TAKE THIS  
LITTLE GAME  
SERIOUSLY?











UGH.  
THEY'RE MAKING THIS SO HARD.

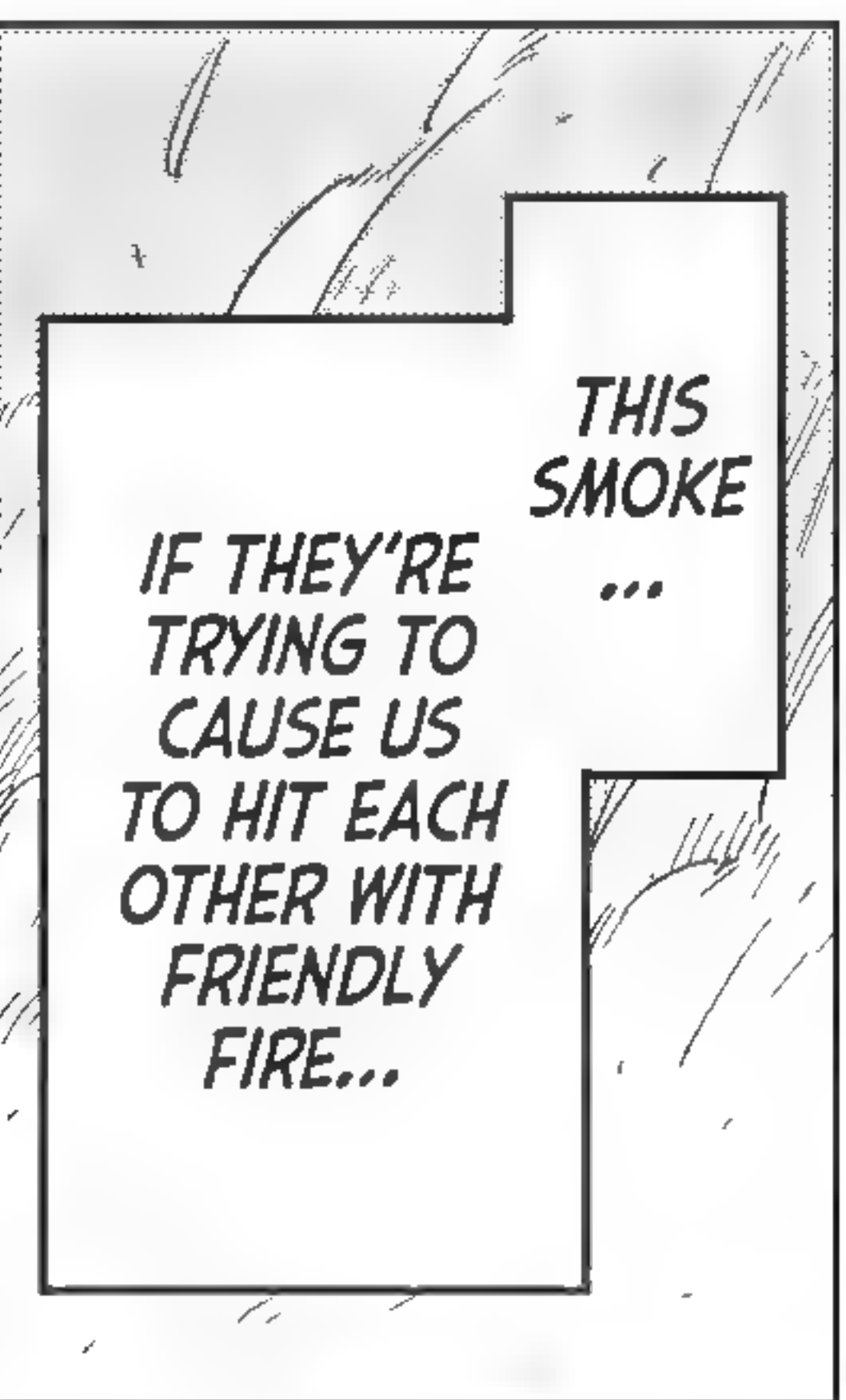


WE SHOULD GET OUTTA HERE, TOO, AND—



HISUI!  
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THEY'LL BE GONE BY NOW.



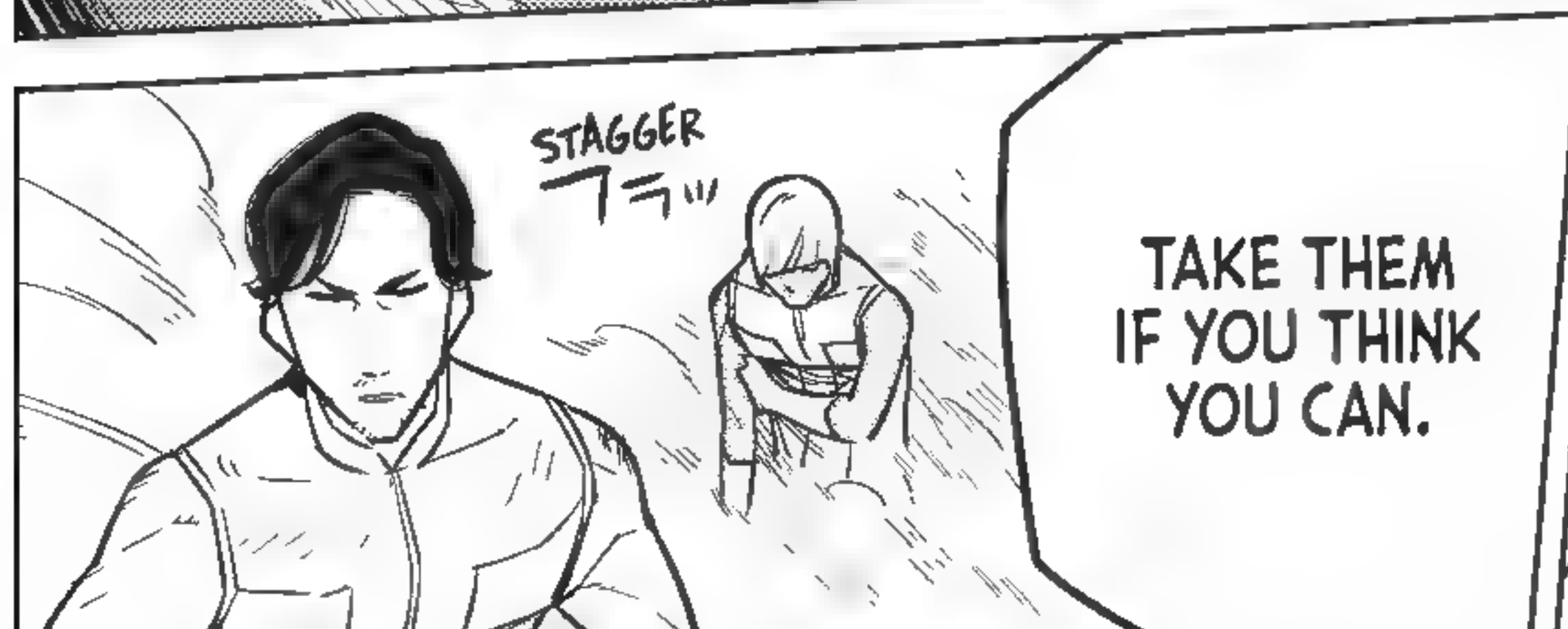
THIS SMOKE ...  
IF THEY'RE TRYING TO CAUSE US TO HIT EACH OTHER WITH FRIENDLY FIRE...



I KNOW HE'S YOUR TARGET, BUT I'LL HELP YOU FOR NOW.  
LET'S TAKE HIS KEY HERE AND NOW.

THANKS FOR LETTING US KNOW WHERE YOU WERE.

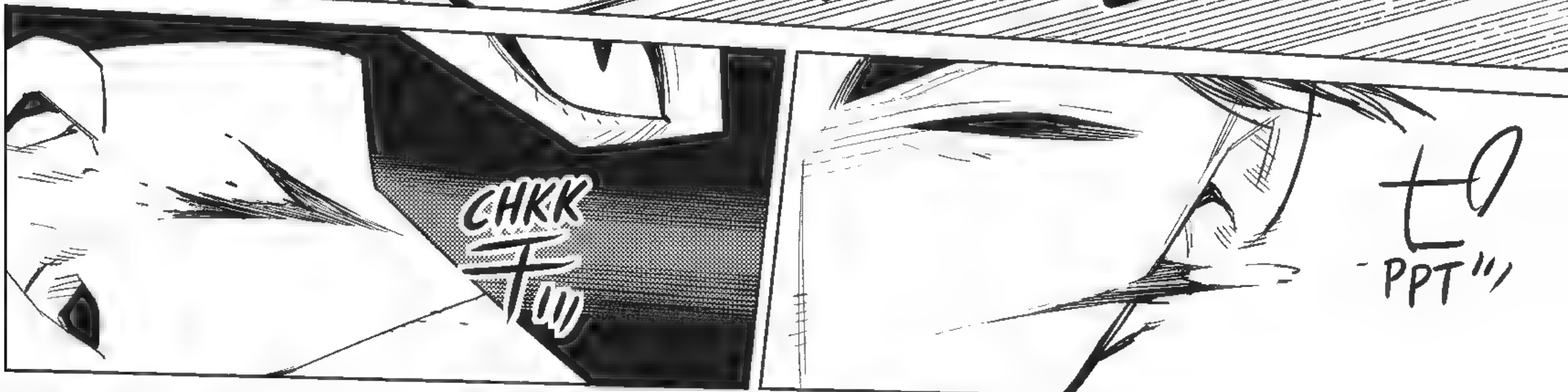




HE FIGHTS LIKE A FERAL ANIMAL.

WHAT'S DRIVING HIM TO GO SO FAR...?

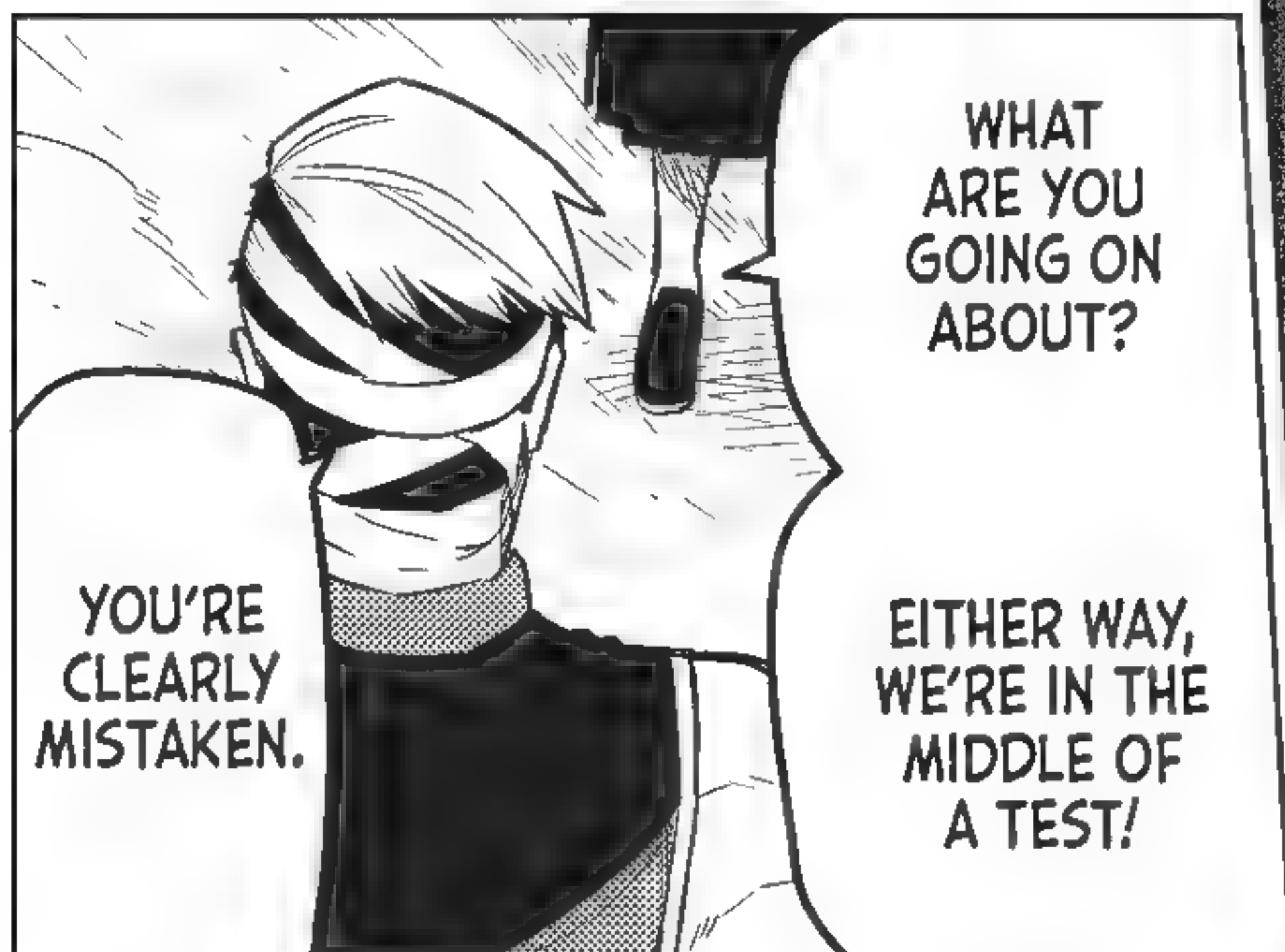












YOU'RE  
CLEARLY  
MISTAKEN.

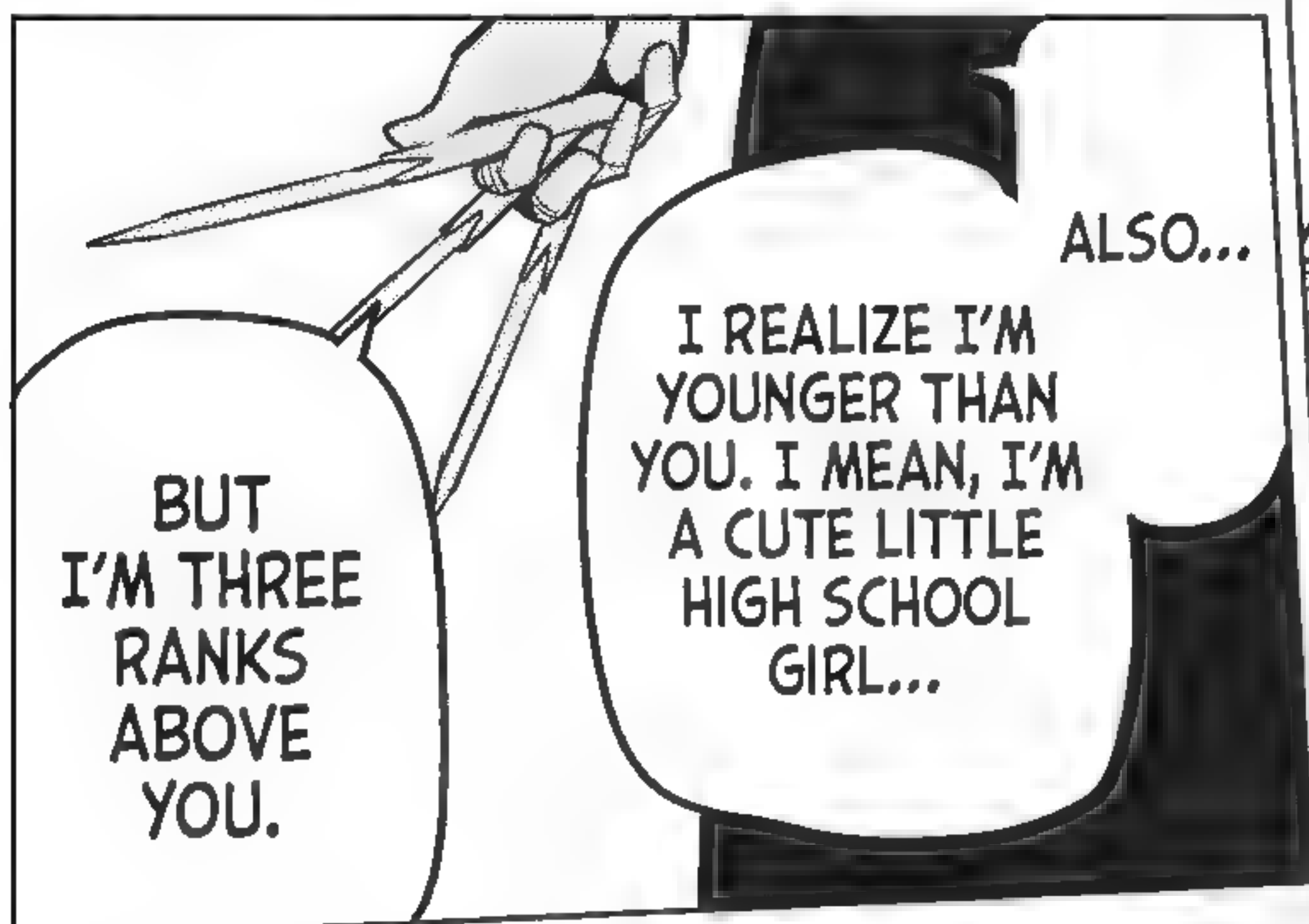
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING ON  
ABOUT?

EITHER WAY,  
WE'RE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
A TEST!



GET  
A GRIP,  
HISUI.

...



BUT  
I'M THREE  
RANKS  
ABOVE  
YOU.

ALSO...

I REALIZE I'M  
YOUNGER THAN  
YOU. I MEAN, I'M  
A CUTE LITTLE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRL...



WHAT...?!

IS SHE  
SERIOUS...?!



YOU'RE  
A PAIN  
IN THE  
ASS.

I'M  
TAKING  
CARE  
OF YOU  
FIRST.



SHWOOP

SHOW  
SOME  
RESPECT,  
PUNK!





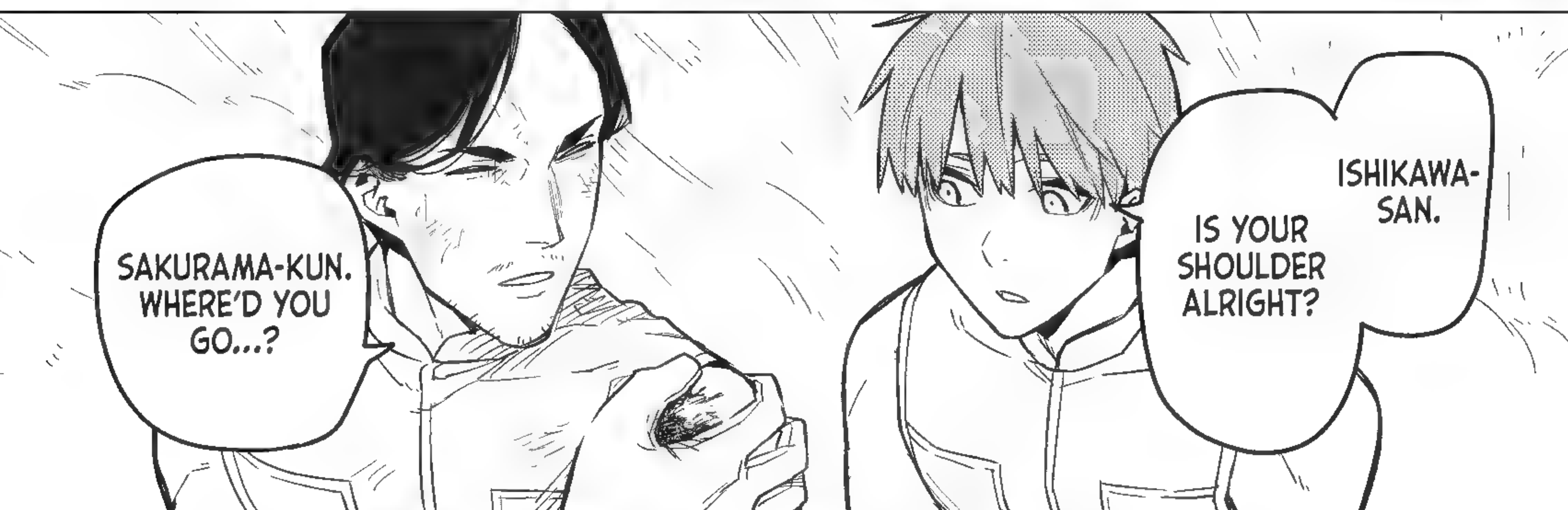
WAIT...  
WHO ARE  
THEY  
FIGHTING...?

I'M NOT  
SURE WHY, BUT  
IT SEEMS THE  
MONSTERS ARE  
FIGHTING ONE  
ANOTHER...



HEY!

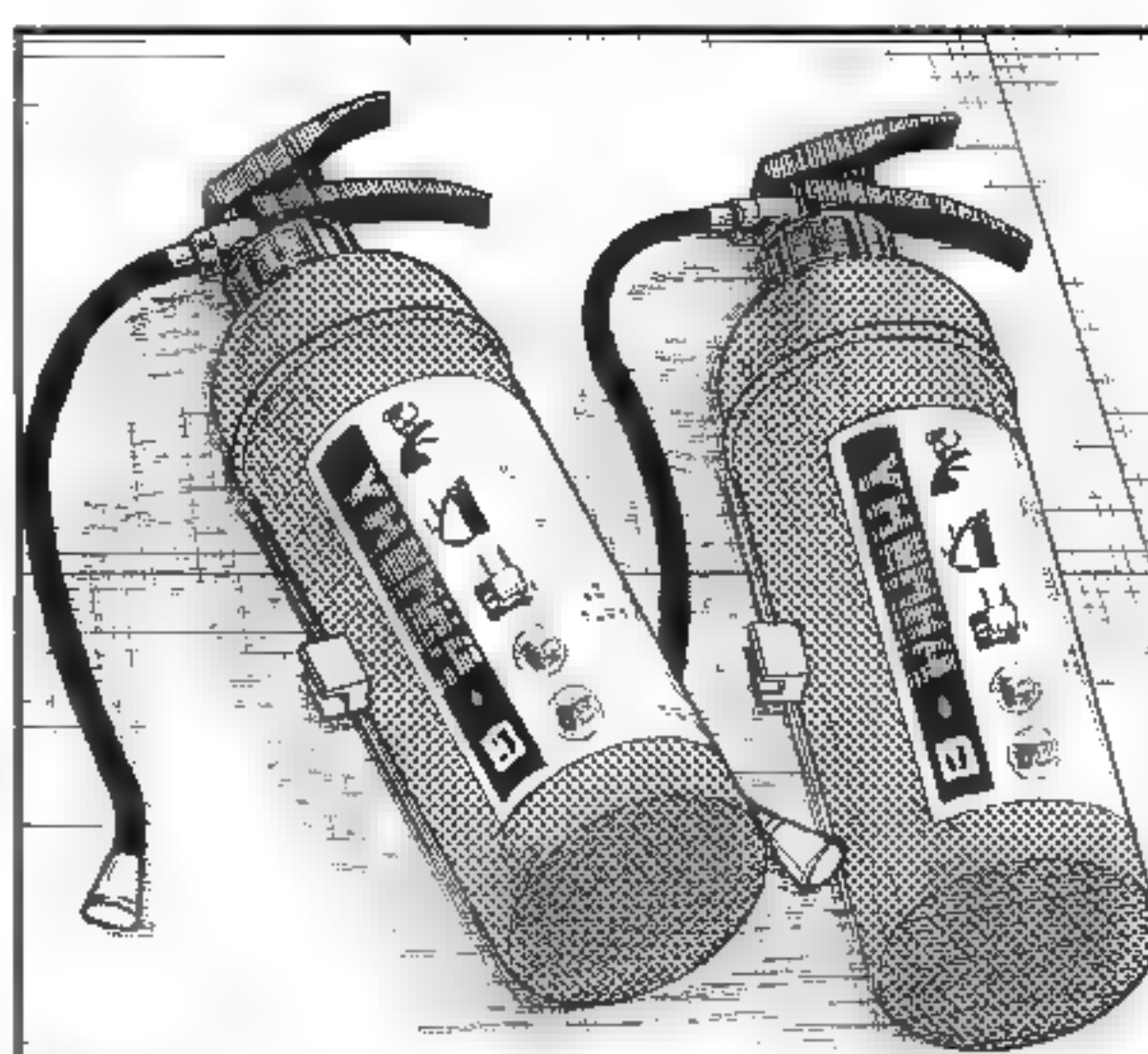
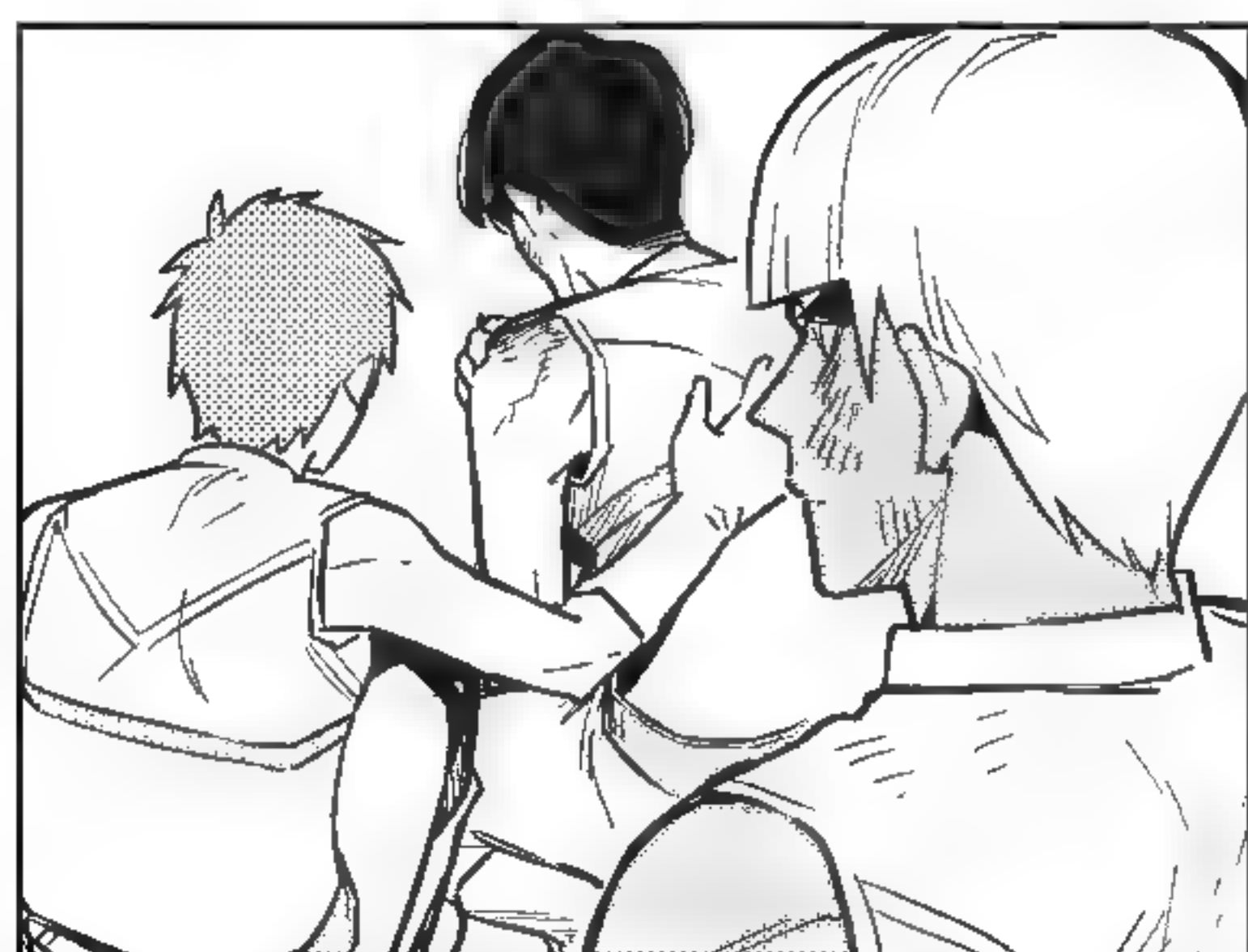
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
DOING?!



SAKURAMA-KUN.  
WHERE'D YOU  
GO...?

IS YOUR  
SHOULDER  
ALRIGHT?

ISHIKAWA-  
SAN.



COULD  
YOU USE  
THEM IF THE  
SMOKESCREEN  
STARTS TO  
FADE?

I BROUGHT  
EXTRA FIRE  
EXTIN-  
GUISHERS.



WAS THIS  
SITUATION  
PART OF  
YOUR PLAN  
TOO?



WHAT?  
HUH...?

USUKUBO-SAN.  
CAN YOU DRAW?

HUH?  
YEAH...  
ARE YOU FINISHED?

TAP  
TAP

WELL...  
I'M NOT THAT CONFIDENT IN THESE...  
I GUESS...  
IT TOOK TIME TO FIND PAPER AND A PEN, BUT...

HEY!  
NO, WAIT!  
THANKS! I'LL TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS!

?  
BUT NO, I GUESS I COULD MAKE IT WORK IN THIS SMOKESCREEN EVEN IF I LOOK A BIT DISTORTED...  
REALLY...?

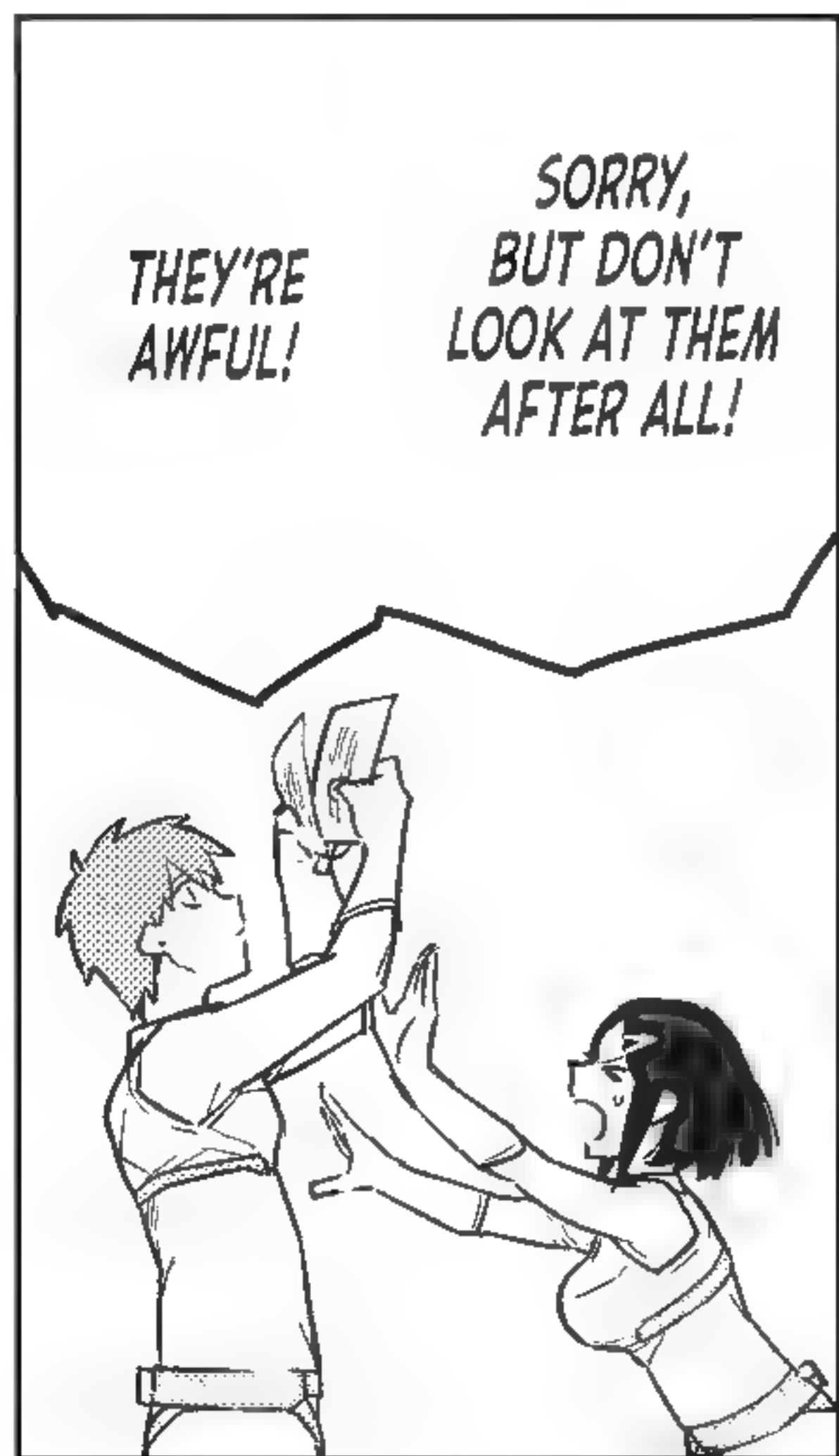




THE ROUGH  
SKETCHES WERE  
ALL OFF BECAUSE  
I DREW THEM IN  
A HURRY!

LET ME  
DRAW THEM  
AGAIN!

AND THE LINES  
ARE SLOPPY,  
TOO, I'M SO  
EMBARRASSED!



THEY'RE  
AWFUL!

SORRY,  
BUT DON'T  
LOOK AT THEM  
AFTER ALL!



WHAT'RE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO WITH  
THOSE?

SAKURAMA-  
KUN.



USUKUBO-SAN,  
YOU OUGHT TO QUIT  
THE RANGER FORCE  
AND BECOME AN  
ARTIST INSTEAD.



I...DON'T  
REALLY KNOW  
HOW TO FEEL  
ABOUT THAT.

THEY DO.  
A LOT.

BUT...  
DO THEY  
HELP...?





...THE REAL  
DEAL IS.



...JUST HOW  
SCARY...



...THOSE  
IMPOSTORS...



I'M  
GOING TO  
TEACH...





I'M  
CHARGING  
IN. FOLLOW  
ME.

HEY!  
ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
GET A HEAD  
START ON  
ME?

WHATEVER,  
LET'S GO!

YOU'RE  
WOUNDED.  
I SHOULD  
TAKE THE  
LEAD.

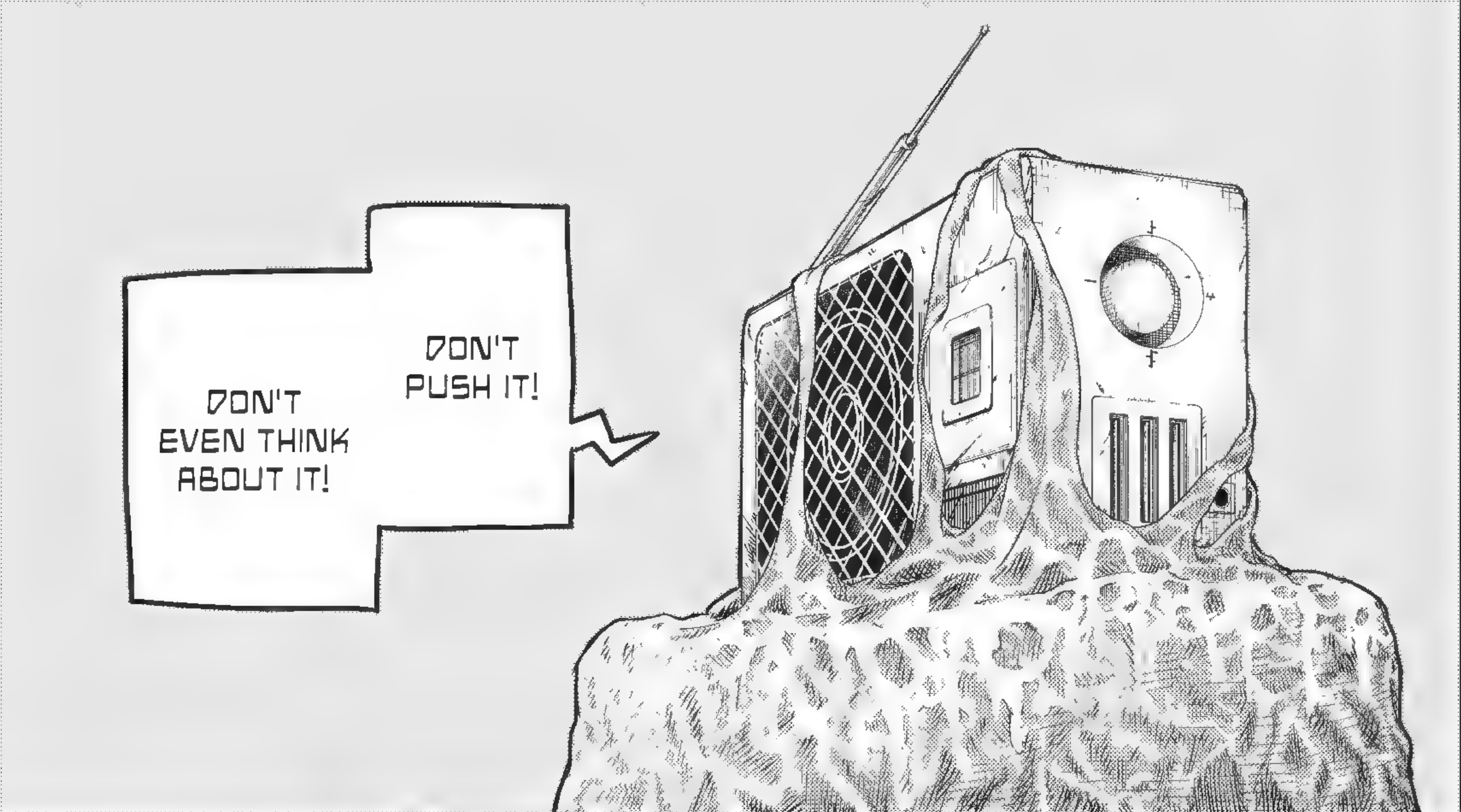
NO, YOU  
FOLLOW  
ME!



I'M GLAD.  
SEEMS THEY  
HAVEN'T BROKEN  
YOUR SPIRIT.

THE  
ONLY THING  
BROKEN  
HERE IS MY  
BONES.





DON'T  
EVEN THINK  
ABOUT IT!

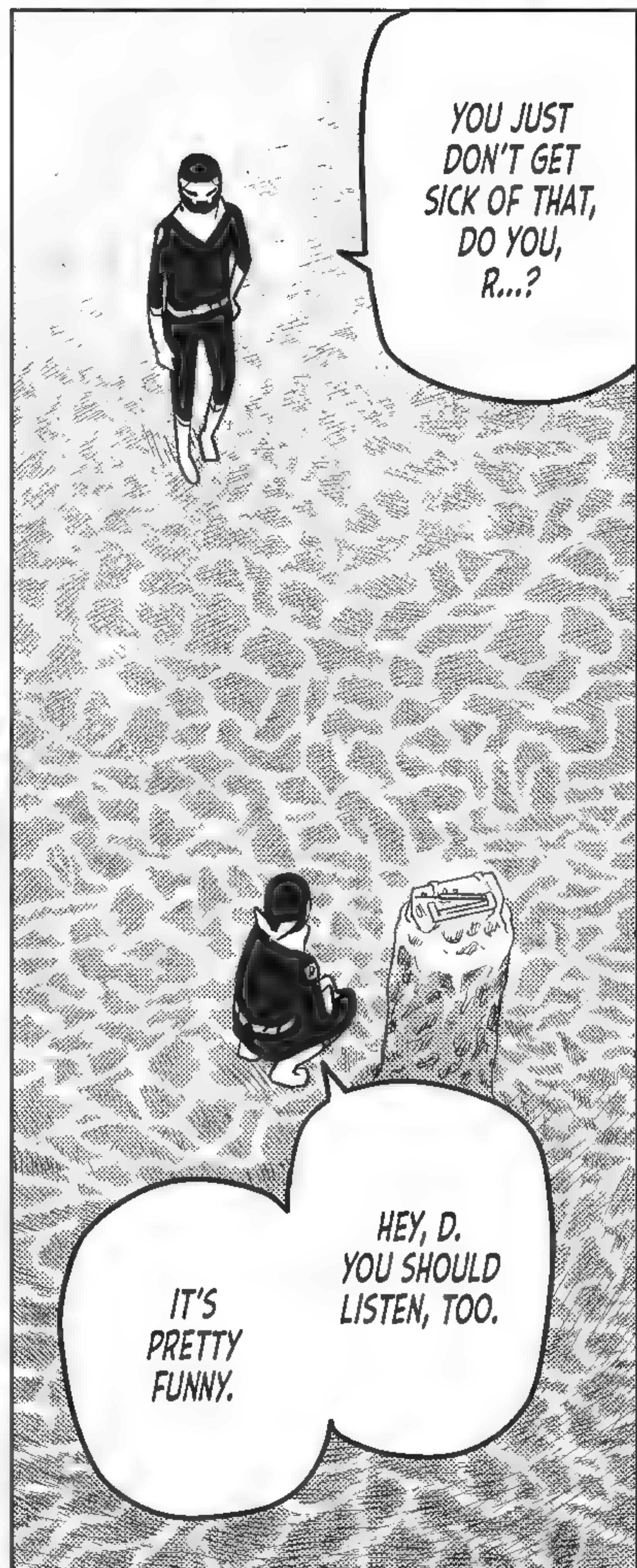
DON'T  
PUSH IT!



IT'S THE  
SAME ROUTINE  
EVERY DAY.

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THE SAME  
SURFACE-DWELLERS  
THAT ATTACK  
US ARE THAT  
EASYGOING.

SO  
STUPID.



YOU JUST  
DON'T GET  
SICK OF THAT,  
DO YOU,  
R...?



I THOUGHT  
I SAID  
DON'T  
PUSH IT!



...THEY'VE  
GOT RULES  
WE DON'T  
HAVE.

THE THING IS,  
IF YOU LISTEN  
CLOSELY...

HAHA!

HEY, D.  
YOU SHOULD  
LISTEN, TOO.

IT'S  
PRETTY  
FUNNY.



THAT'LL BE  
THE MOST  
EFFECTIVE  
MOVE!

DID YOU  
HEAR ME?  
I SAID GO  
AROUND  
TO PINCH  
THEM!

HOW AM  
I SUPPOSED  
TO DO THAT  
WHEN YOU'RE  
CHARGING AT  
THEM AT FULL  
SPEED?

THEN  
YOU GO  
AROUND.

MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
STAB HIM  
FIRST?

YOU'RE  
JUST  
SLOW,  
THAT'S  
ALL.

I CAN'T WAIT  
TO GIVE YOU  
A BEATDOWN  
AFTER THAT,  
SHION.

NO,  
FIGHTER D.  
PUT UP  
WITH IT.

YOU ARE A  
GREAT AND  
MAGNANIMOUS  
MONSTER.

WORKING  
TOGETHER TO  
GET THAT KEY  
FROM TOKITA  
COMES FIRST.

SURFACE-DWELLERS  
ARE SO HARD TO  
UNDERSTAND.

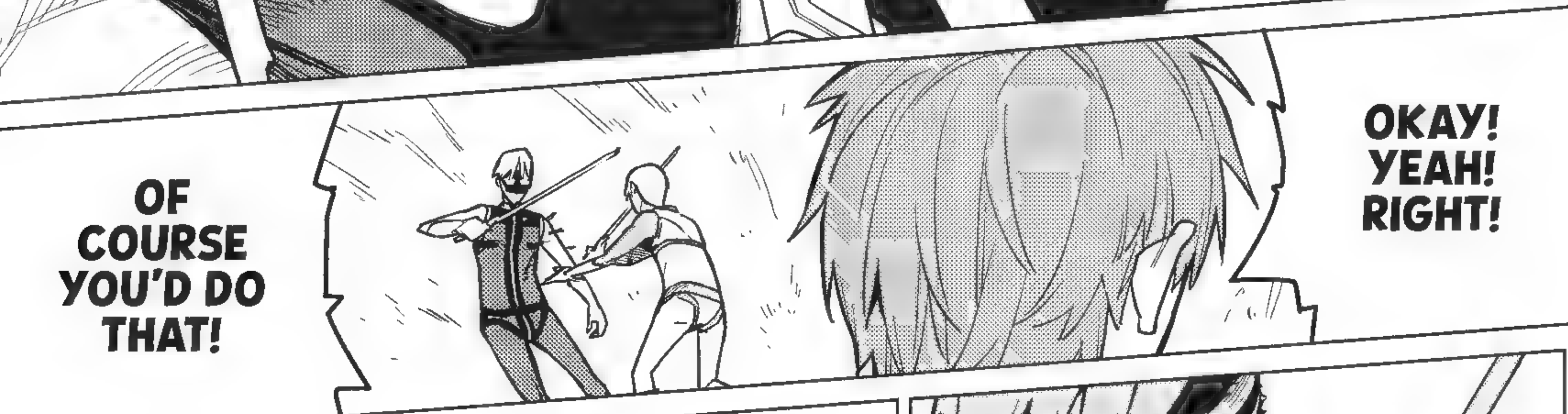
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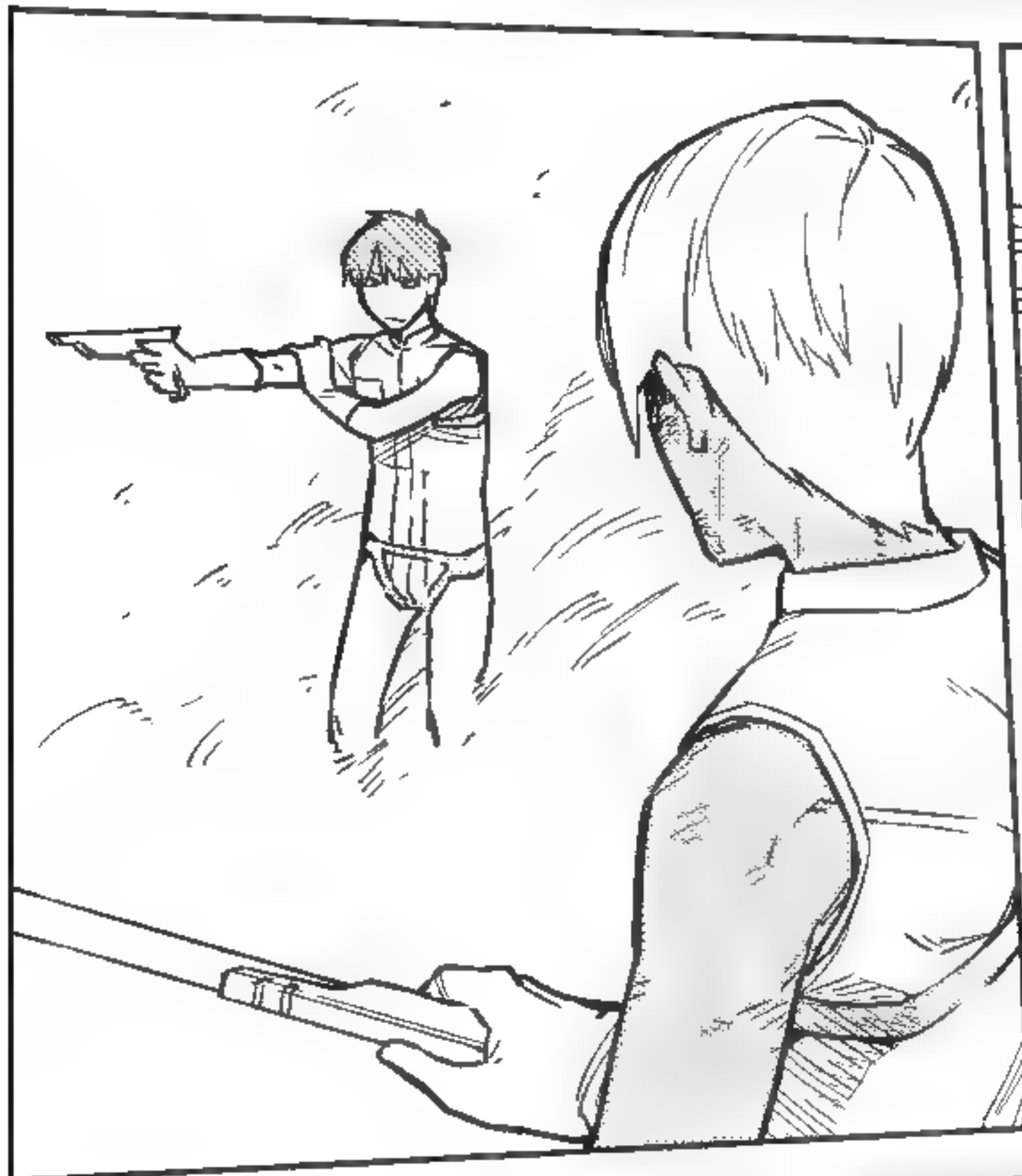
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WHAT'S THIS?!

SEEMS LIKE ALL THE DAMAGE YOU'VE TAKEN IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF YOUR BODY!

HOW'D YOU LIKE MY INVISIBLE SHOT?!

COULD IT BE THAT YOU HAVE TROUBLE SEEING ON THAT SIDE?



HIS LEFT! HIS BLIND SPOT IS HIS LEFT SIDE!

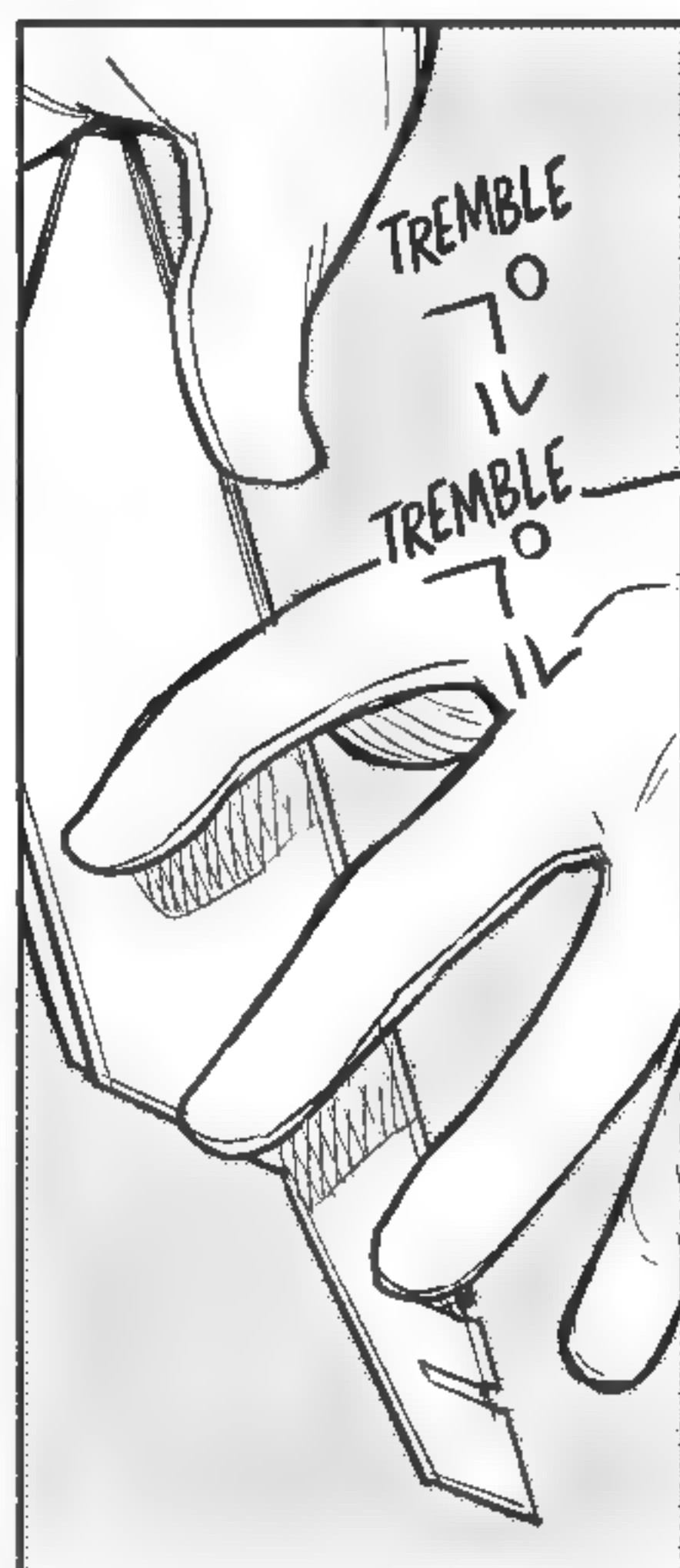
NOW, SHION-KUN!



I'LL TAKE 'EM OUT ONE AT A TIME.

FINE...

STARTING WITH...



YOU THINK YOU CAN GET ALL EXCITED, YOU COLOR-LESS PIECE OF TRASH...?









TOO BAD  
IT'S TOO  
LATE!

NOW YOU  
FINALLY GET  
SCARED?

WHAAA?



LET'S PULL  
BACK FOR  
TODAY!

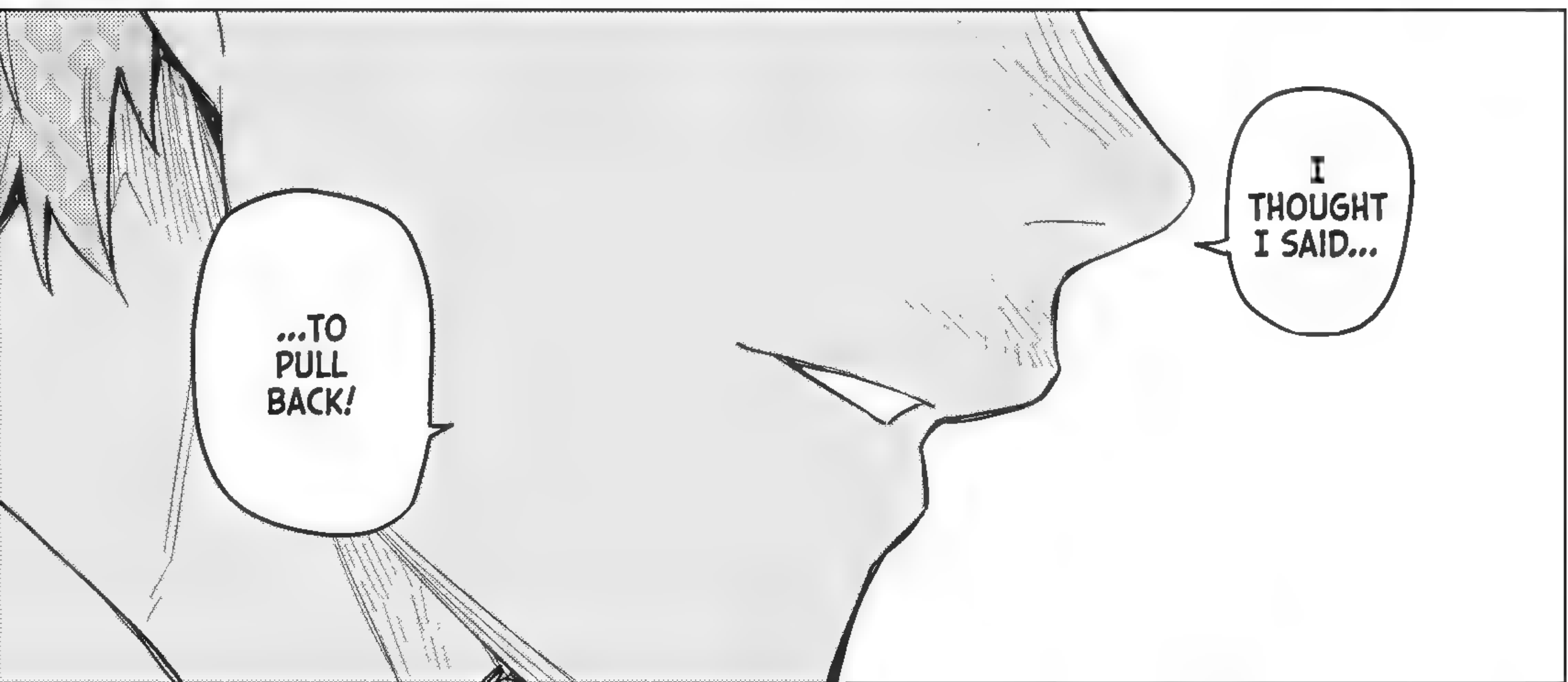
WE'RE NO  
MATCH FOR  
HIM AFTER  
ALL, EVEN  
TOGETHER!

SHION-KUN!  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?



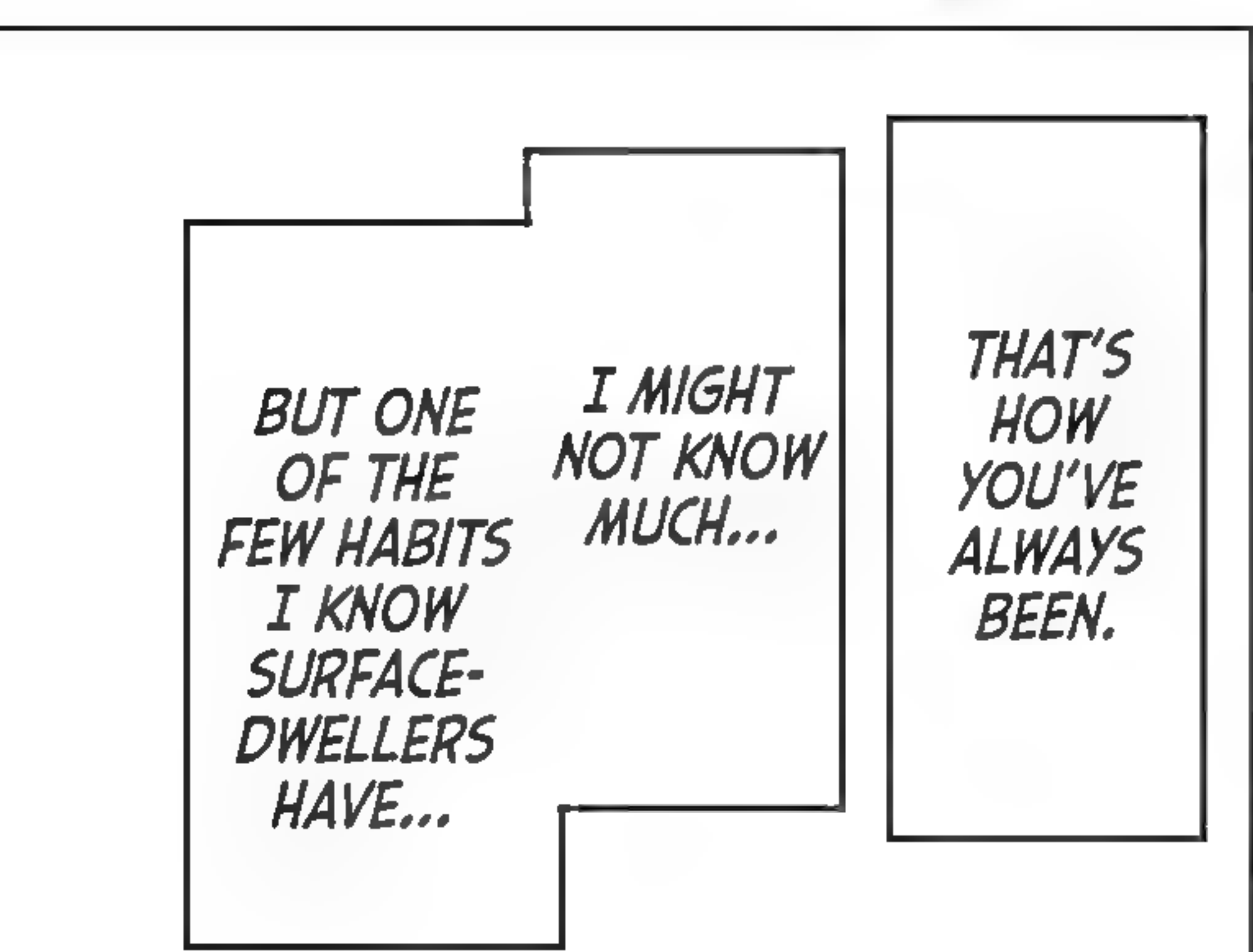
THIS  
IS WHERE  
YOUR TEST  
ENDS!

YOU'RE  
NOT  
GETTING  
AWAY!



...TO  
PULL  
BACK!

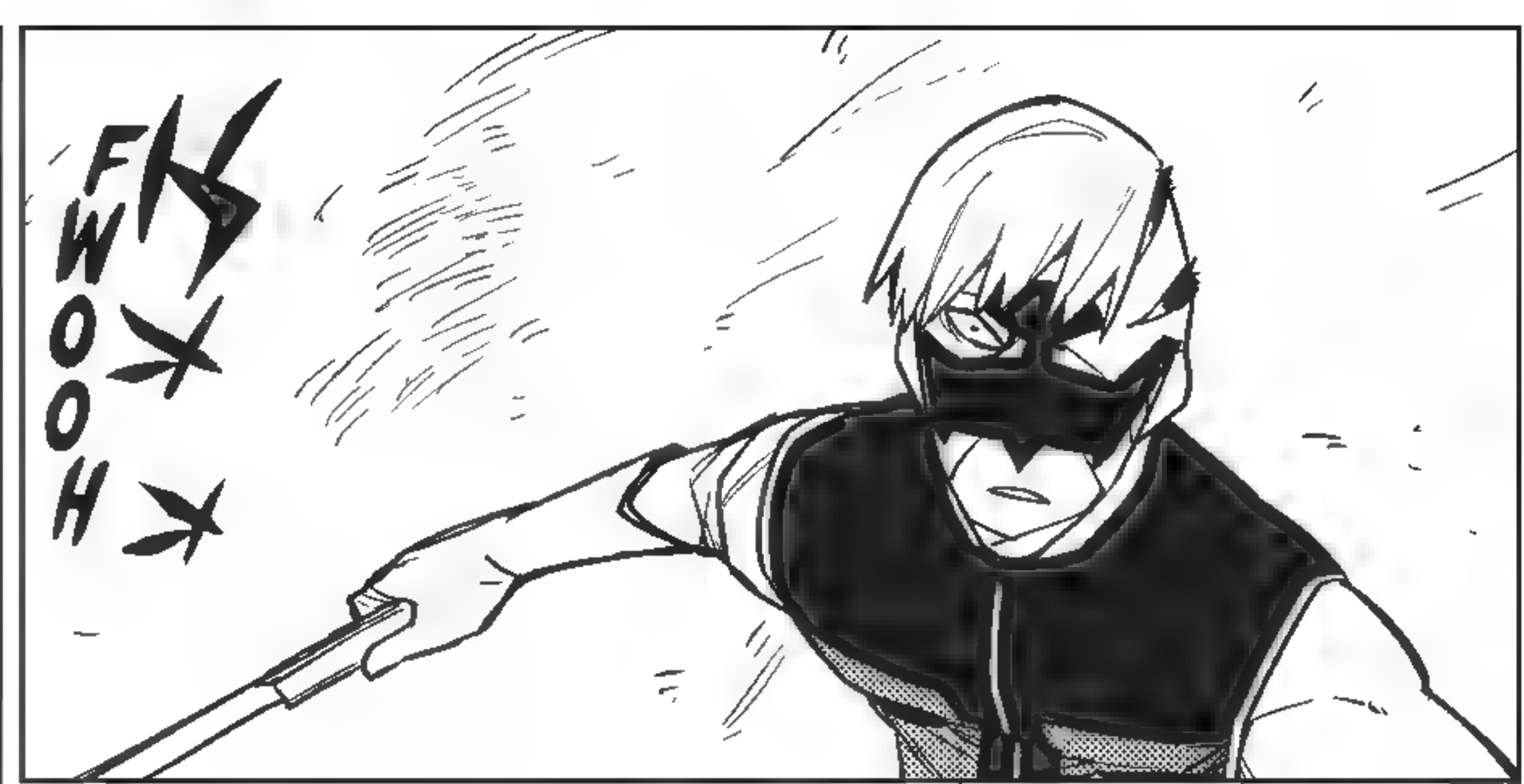
I  
THOUGHT  
I SAID...



BUT ONE  
OF THE  
FEW HABITS  
I KNOW  
SURFACE-  
DWELLERS  
HAVE...

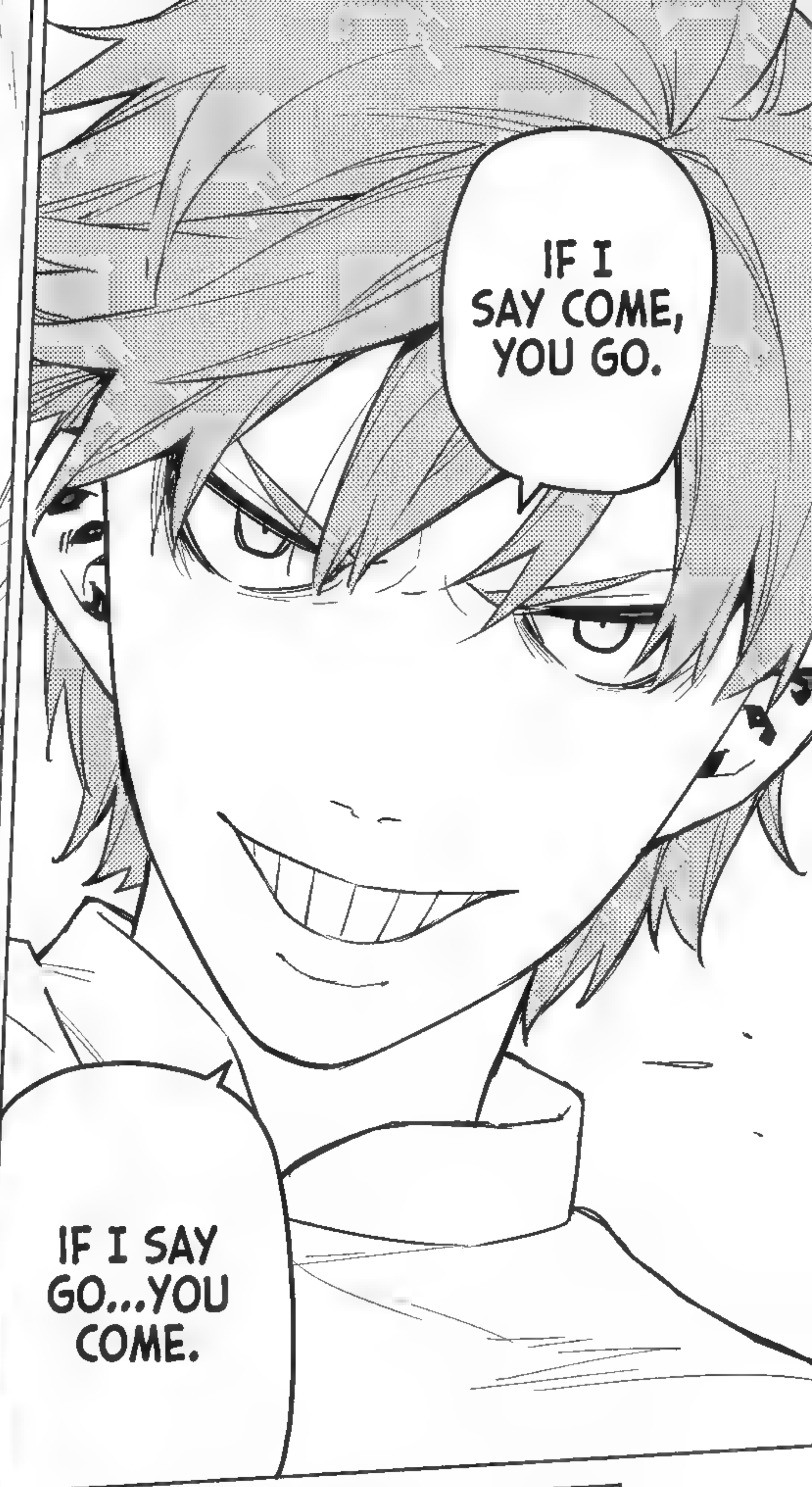
I MIGHT  
NOT KNOW  
MUCH...

THAT'S  
HOW  
YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN.



FWOOSH













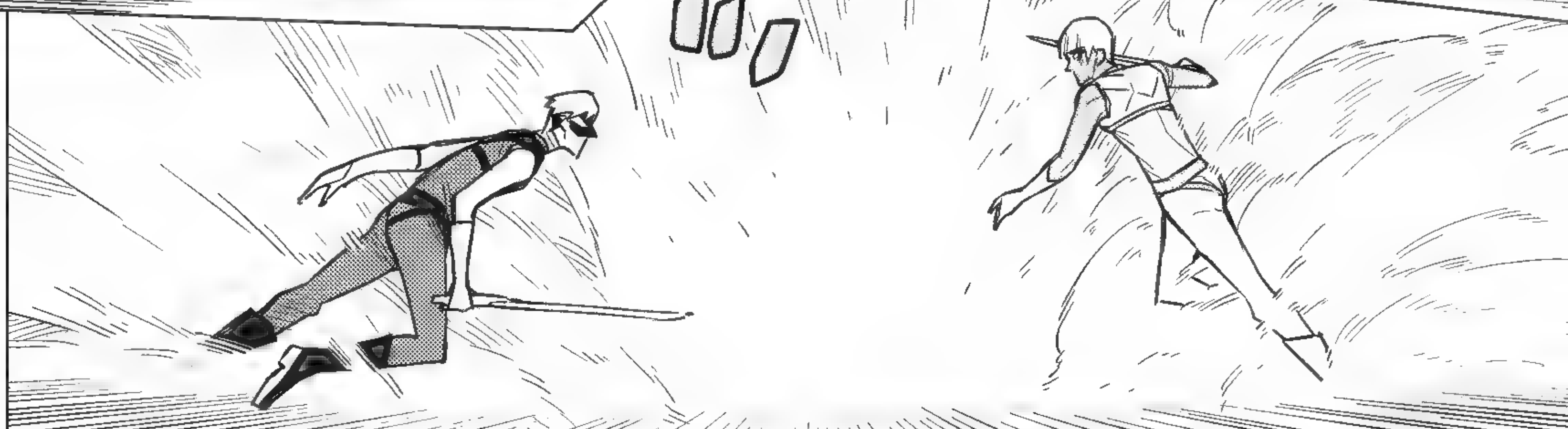
**HEY.**

**WANT  
ME TO GO  
EASY ON  
YOU?**

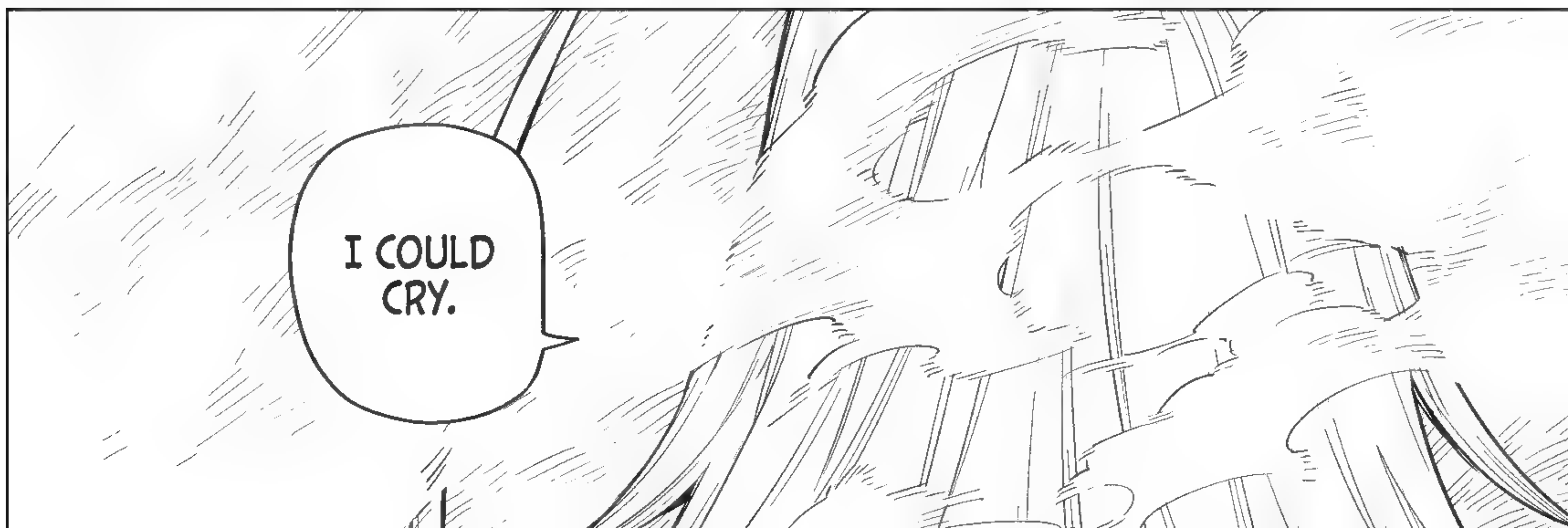
**YOU'RE  
A DEAD  
MAN.**

**BAM**

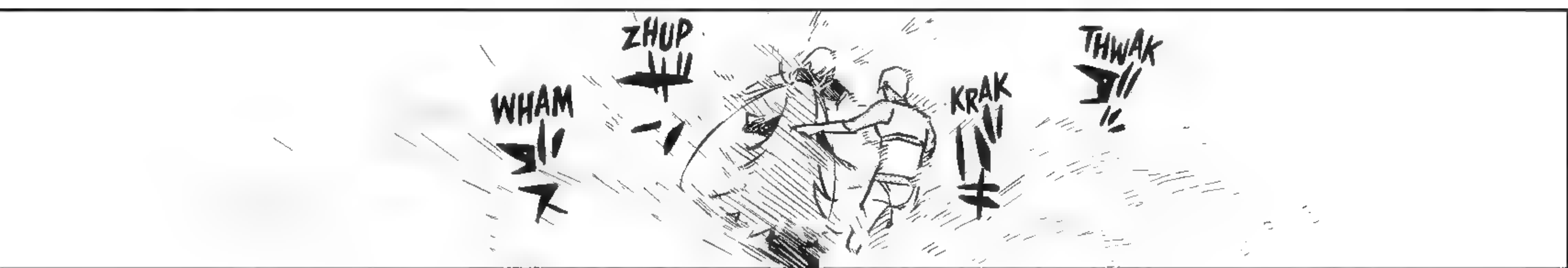
**!!**



**I COULD  
CRY.**











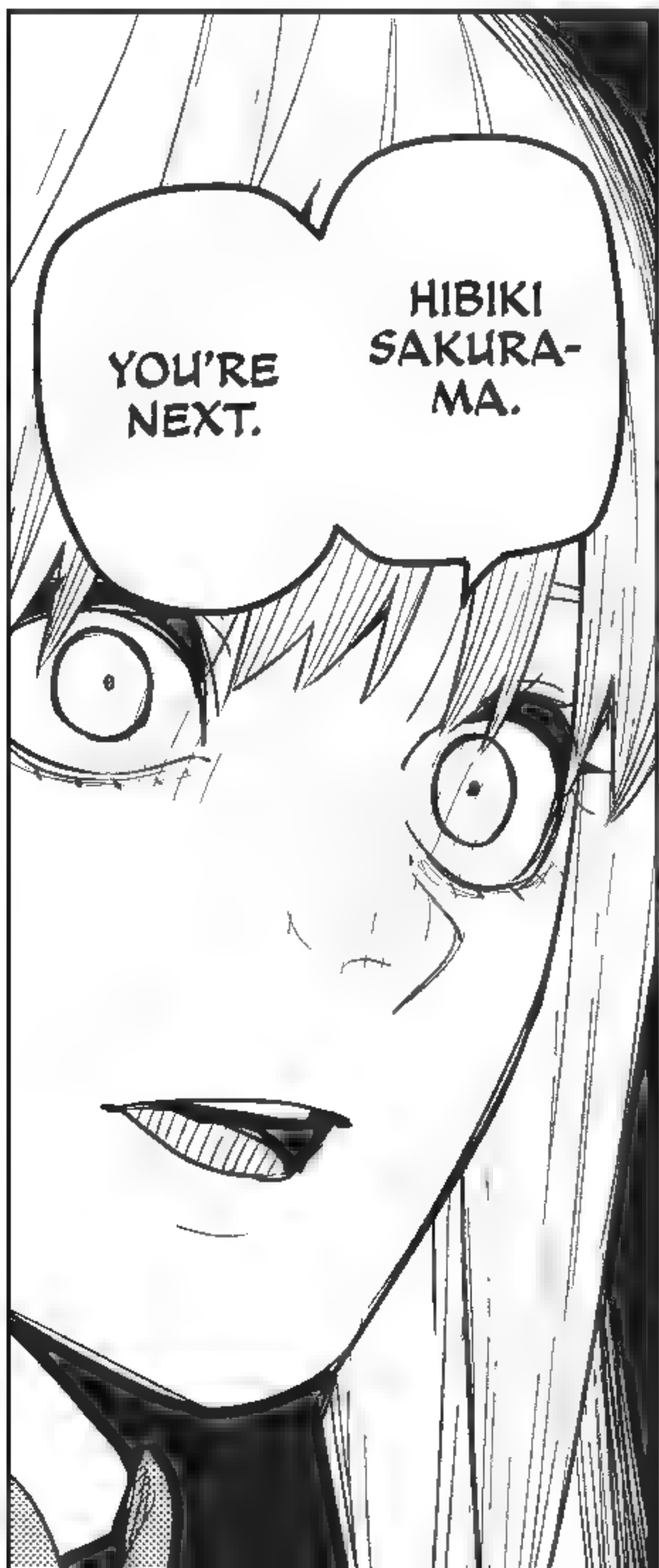
OF COURSE IT WAS.

IT WAS THAT EASY FOR YOU...?

H-HOLD ON A SECOND!

ISN'T THAT GUY A SENIOR THIRD RANK?

I'M JUNIOR FIRST RANK.



I'M OFFENDED THAT YOU THOUGHT I WAS THE SAME AS THIS ROOKIE WITH HIS FRESH RANK.

JUNIOR FIRST RANK? ISN'T THAT ONE STEP AWAY FROM BEING A DRAGON KEEPER...?

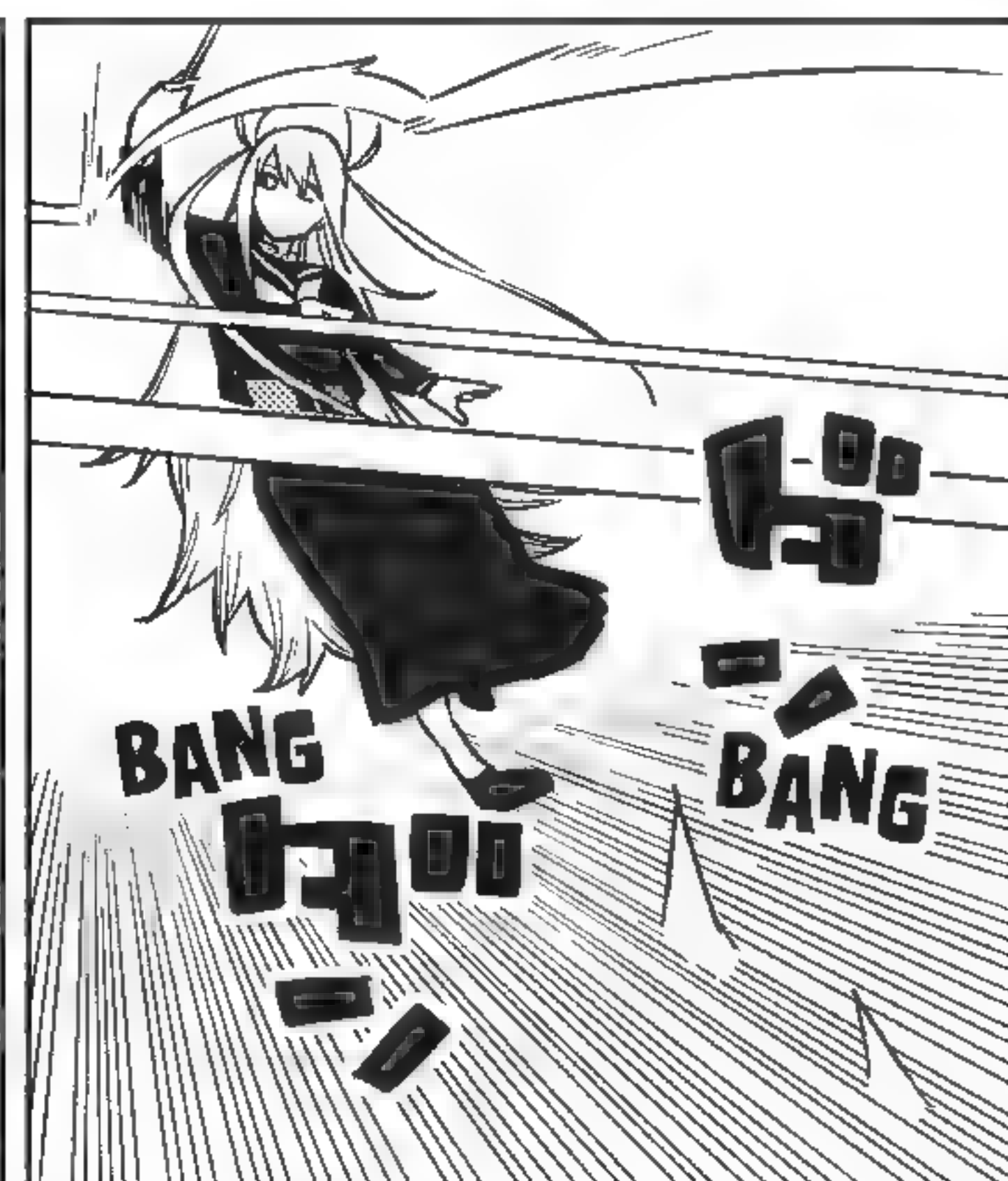
NO WAY...

... NAH, HE'S GOT EVEN BIGGER ISSUES THAN THAT.













...USUKUBO-SAN?



I'M SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS THEIR REASONS FOR BECOMING A FULL-FLEDGED RANGER.

THAT GOES FOR ME, TOO.

AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT HERE.



YOU'RE FINALLY STARTING TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS.

HUH.

YOU STILL HAD SOMETHING LEFT IN YOU.

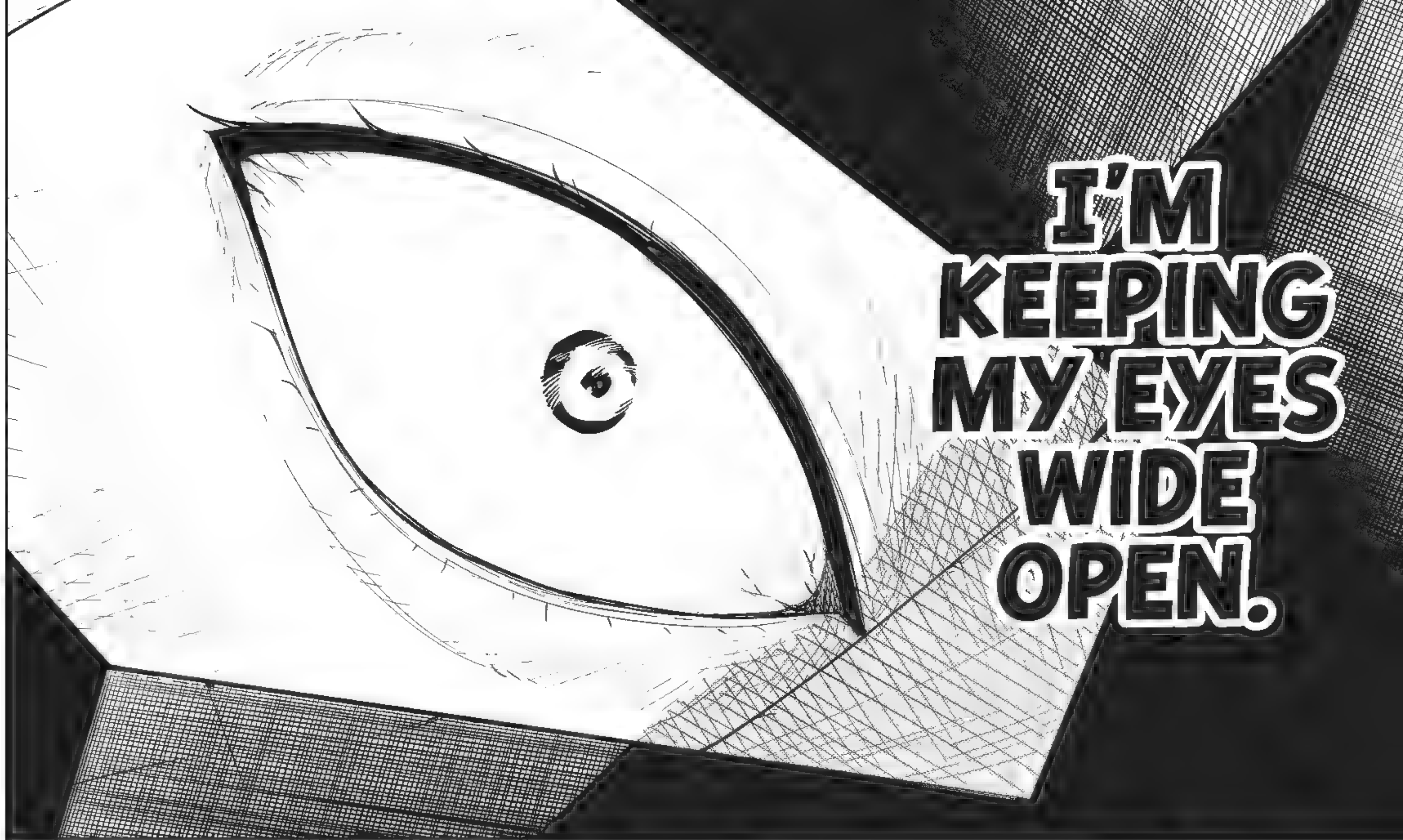












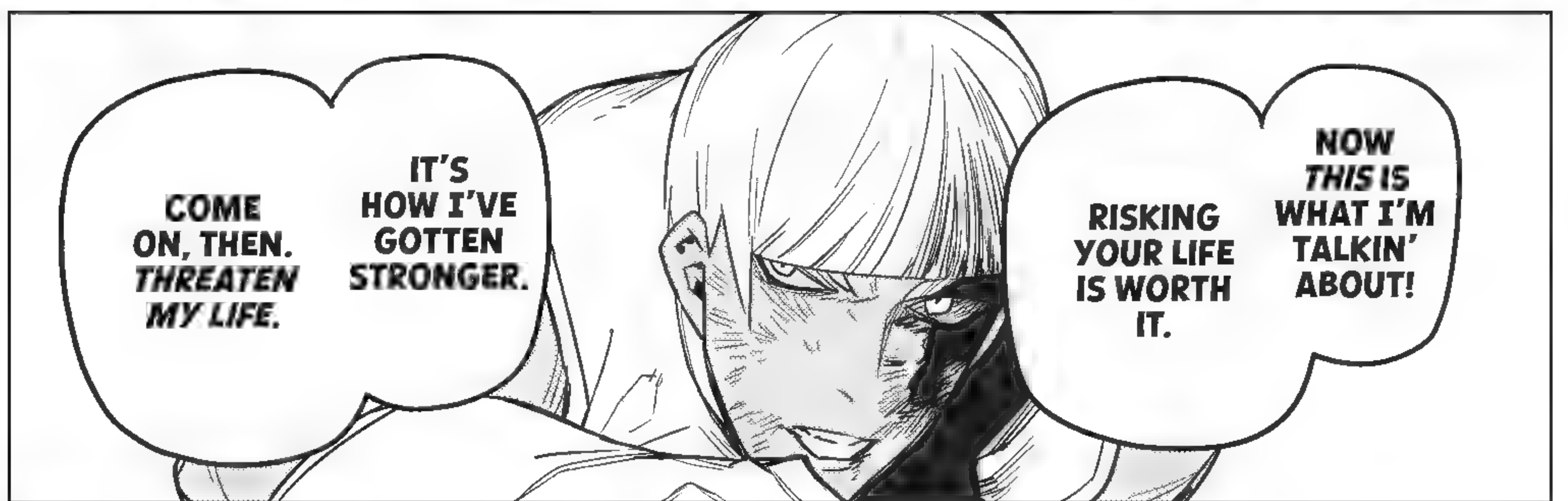
**I'M  
KEEPING  
MY EYES  
WIDE  
OPEN.**







**HEADSHOTS  
DON'T  
COUNT.**

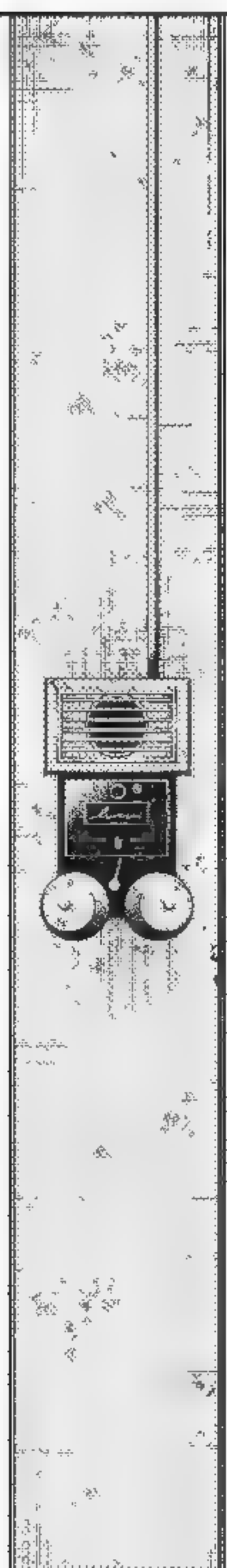


**COME  
ON, THEN.  
THREATEN  
MY LIFE.**

**IT'S  
HOW I'VE  
GOTTEN  
STRONGER.**

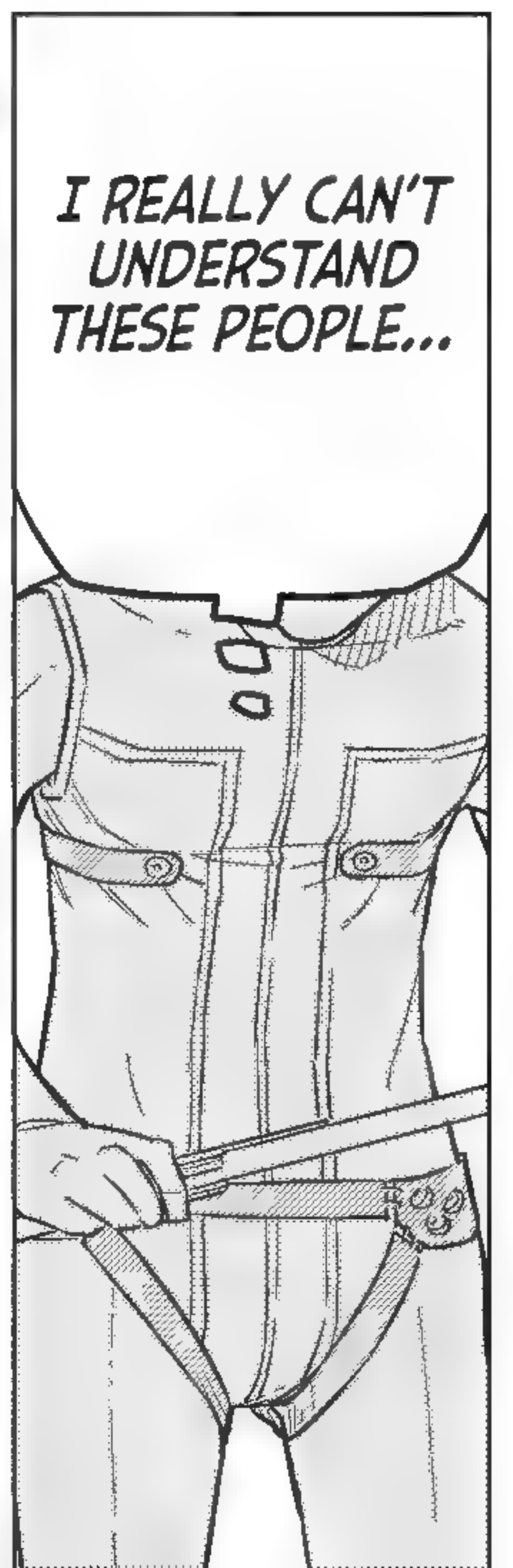
**RISKING  
YOUR LIFE  
IS WORTH  
IT.**

**NOW  
THIS IS  
WHAT I'M  
TALKIN'  
ABOUT!**



**HERE I  
COME!**

**IF  
YOU SAY  
SO!**



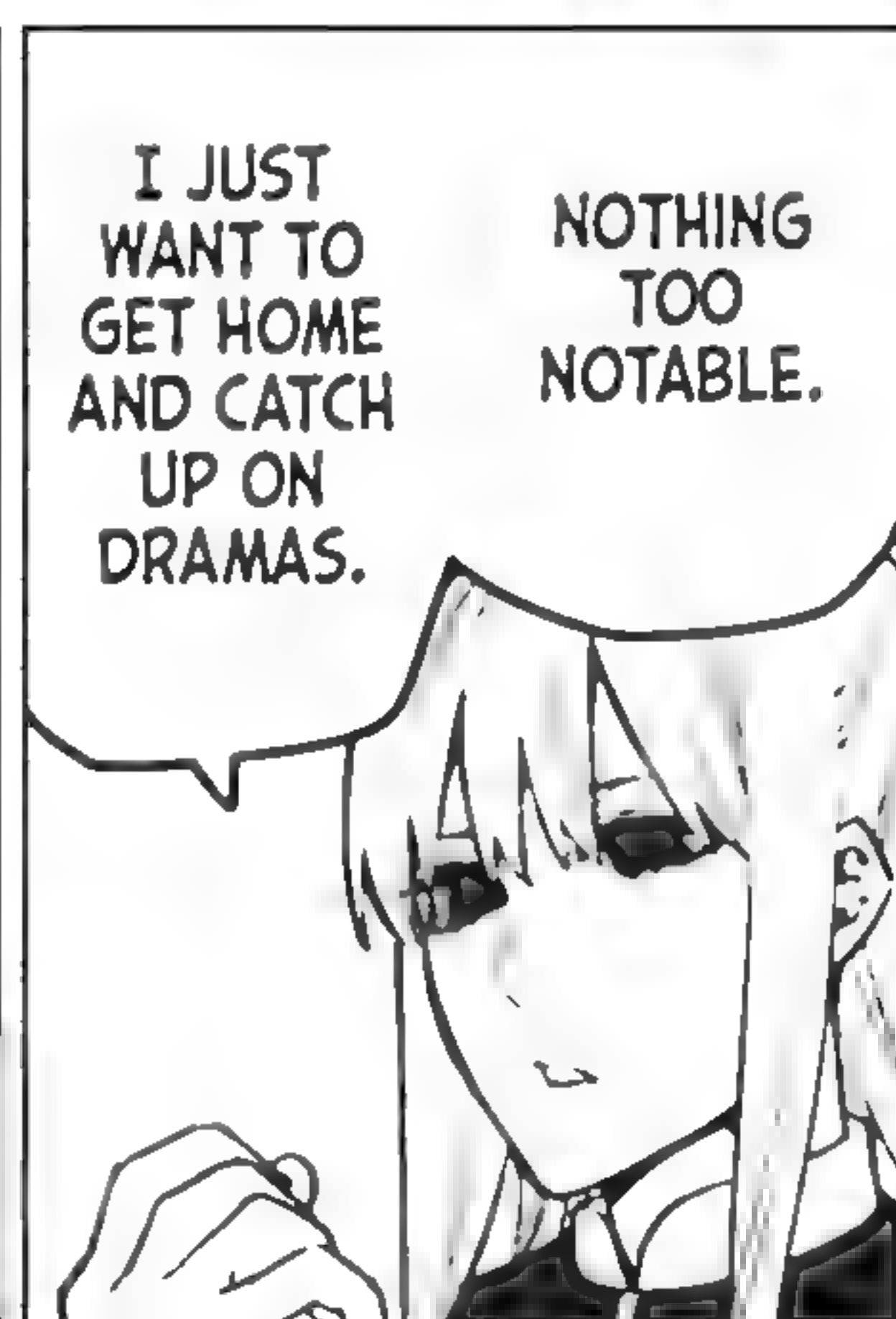
**I REALLY CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THESE PEOPLE...**







## Chapter 22: THE WHITE DRAGON'S TEST

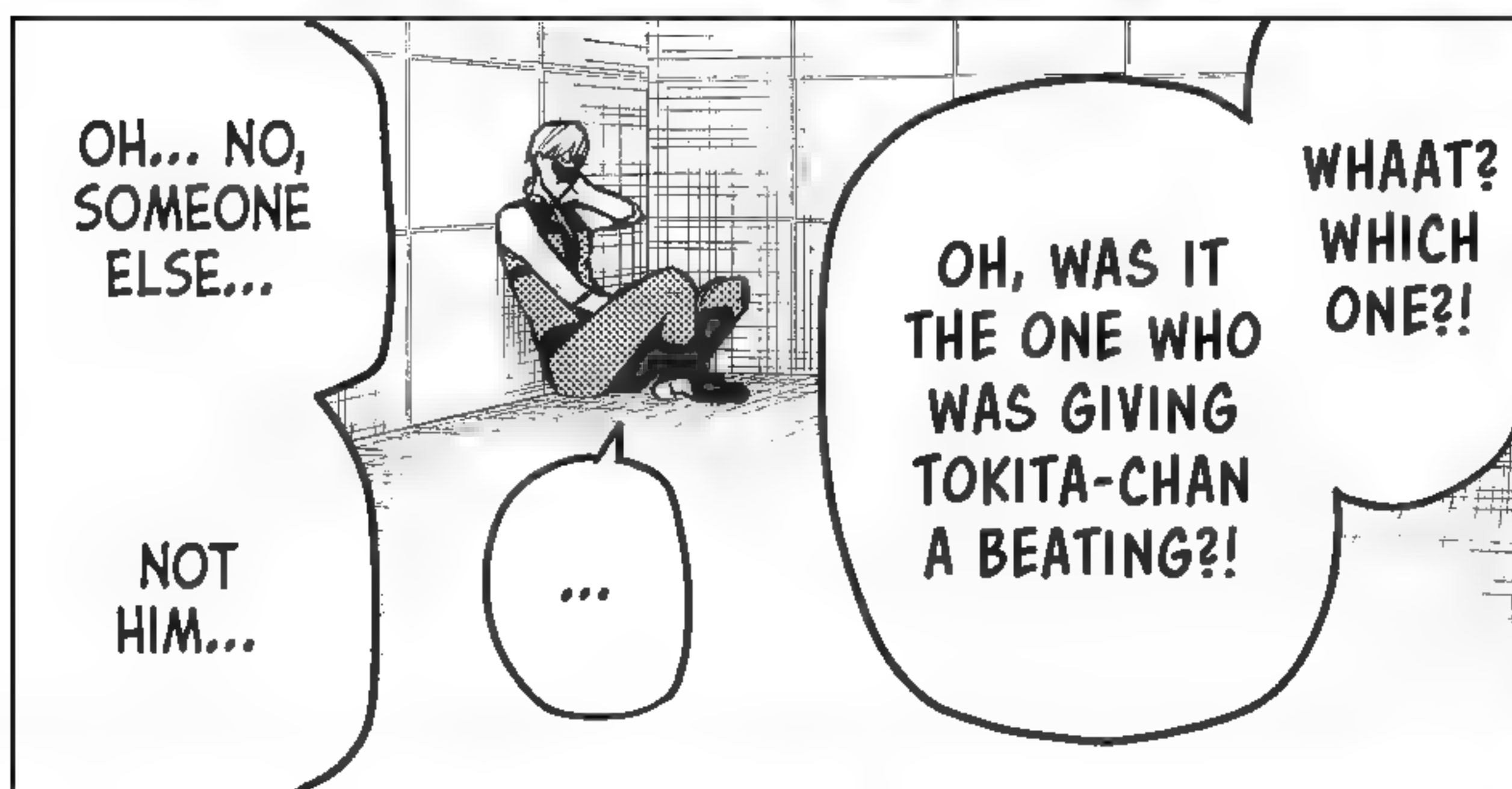






JUST  
A LITTLE,  
THOUGH.

ONE OF  
THEM WAS  
INTERESTING.



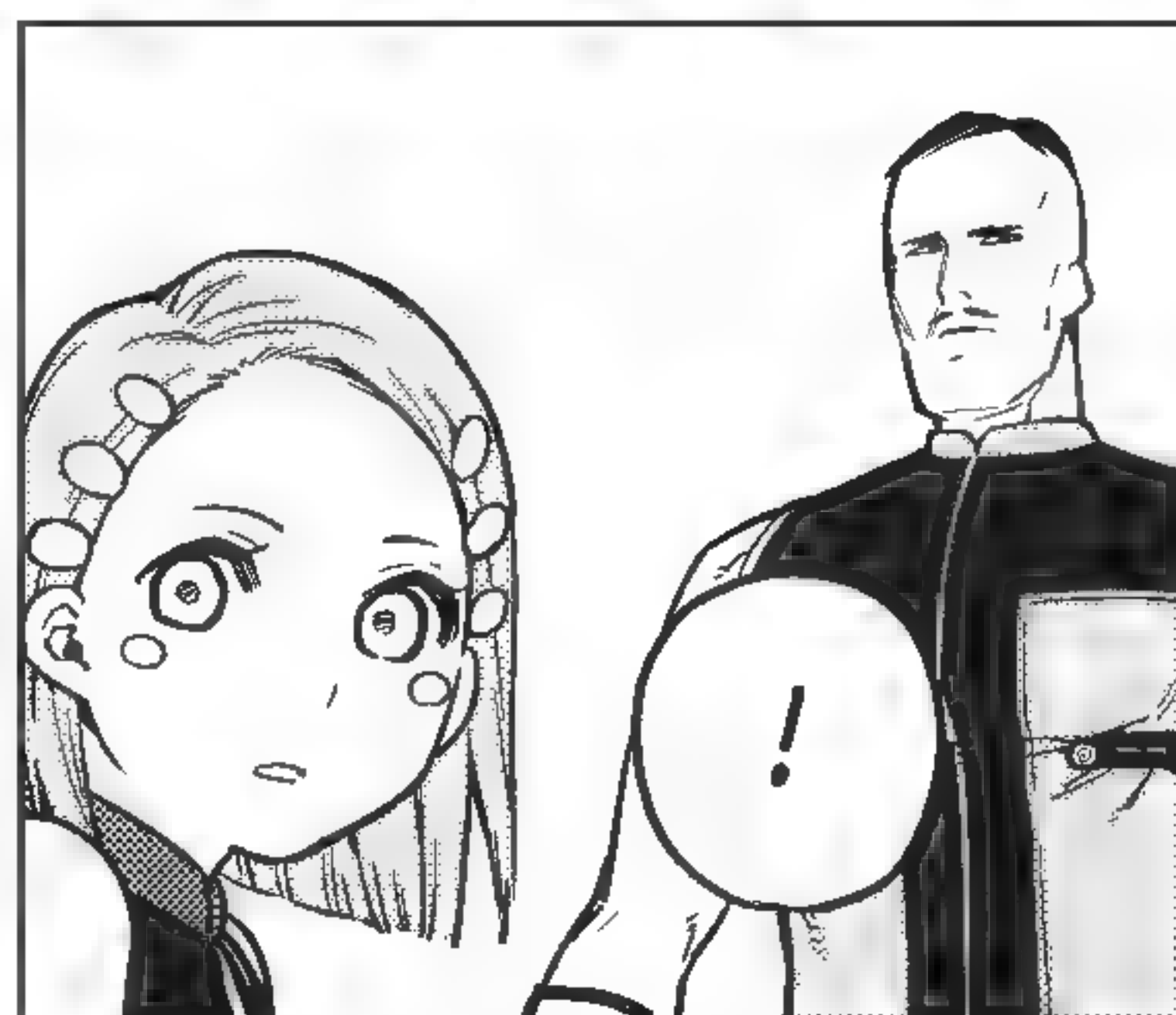
OH... NO,  
SOMEONE  
ELSE...

NOT  
HIM...

...

OH, WAS IT  
THE ONE WHO  
WAS GIVING  
TOKITA-CHAN  
A BEATING?!

WHAAT?  
WHICH  
ONE?!



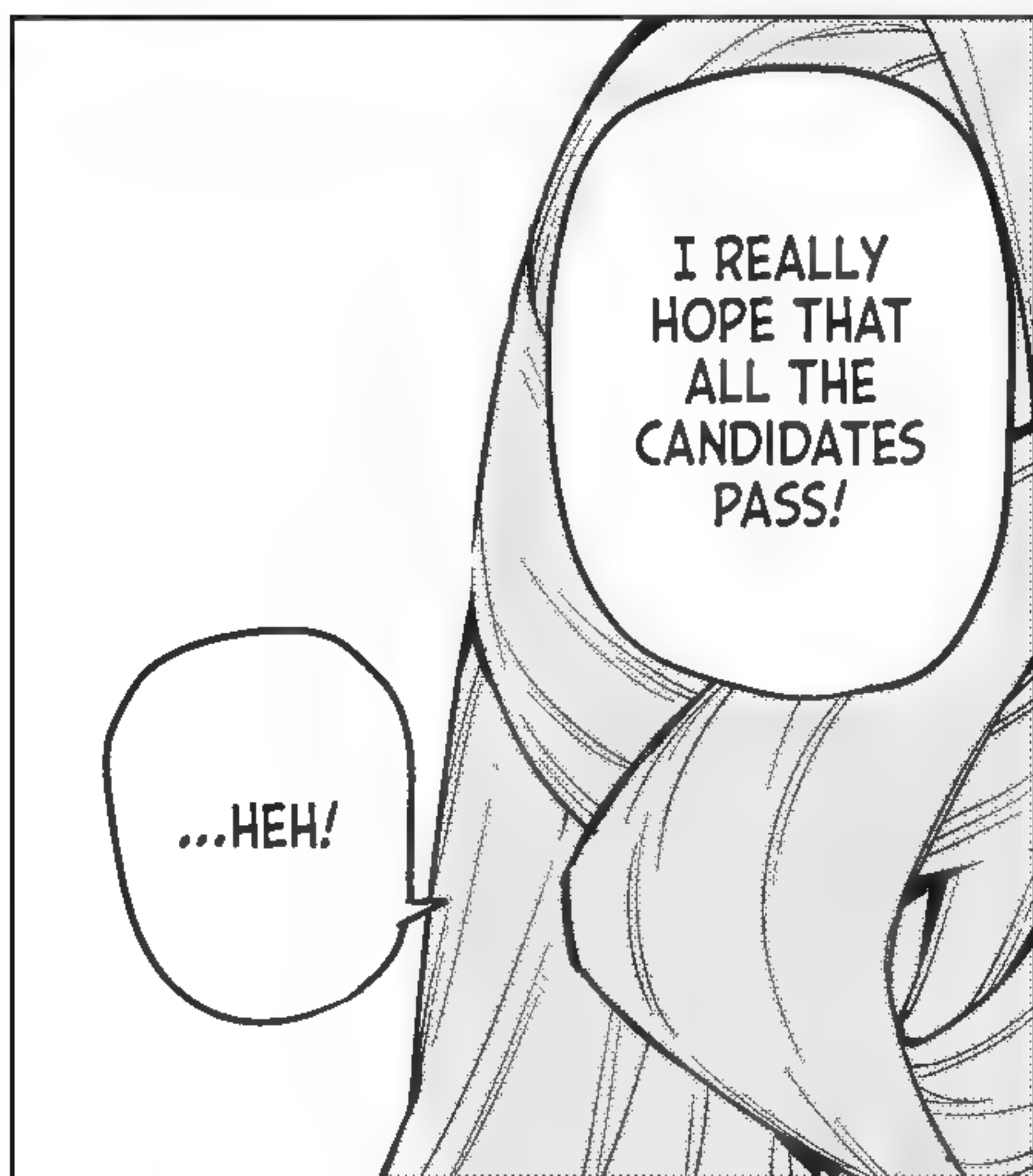
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NOT THAT  
HE'LL HAVE  
ANY EFFECT  
ON THE END  
RESULT.

BUT WATCHING  
THE WAY HE WAS  
DESPERATELY  
THRASHING AROUND  
WAS A NICE WAY TO  
PASS THE TIME.

I DON'T KNOW  
HOW MUCH OF IT  
HE PLANNED, AND  
I REALLY DON'T  
CARE.



I REALLY  
HOPE THAT  
ALL THE  
CANDIDATES  
PASS!

...HEH!



BLUE  
SQUAD'S  
KIDS WORKED  
HARD, TOO.

YEP.

IT'S GOOD  
NEWS FOR THE  
RANGER FORCE  
THAT WE HAVE  
CAPABLE NEW  
BLOOD.





AH...

WHAT A  
RIOT.

MY  
SIDES ARE  
HURTING...



HEE  
HEE...

HEH.



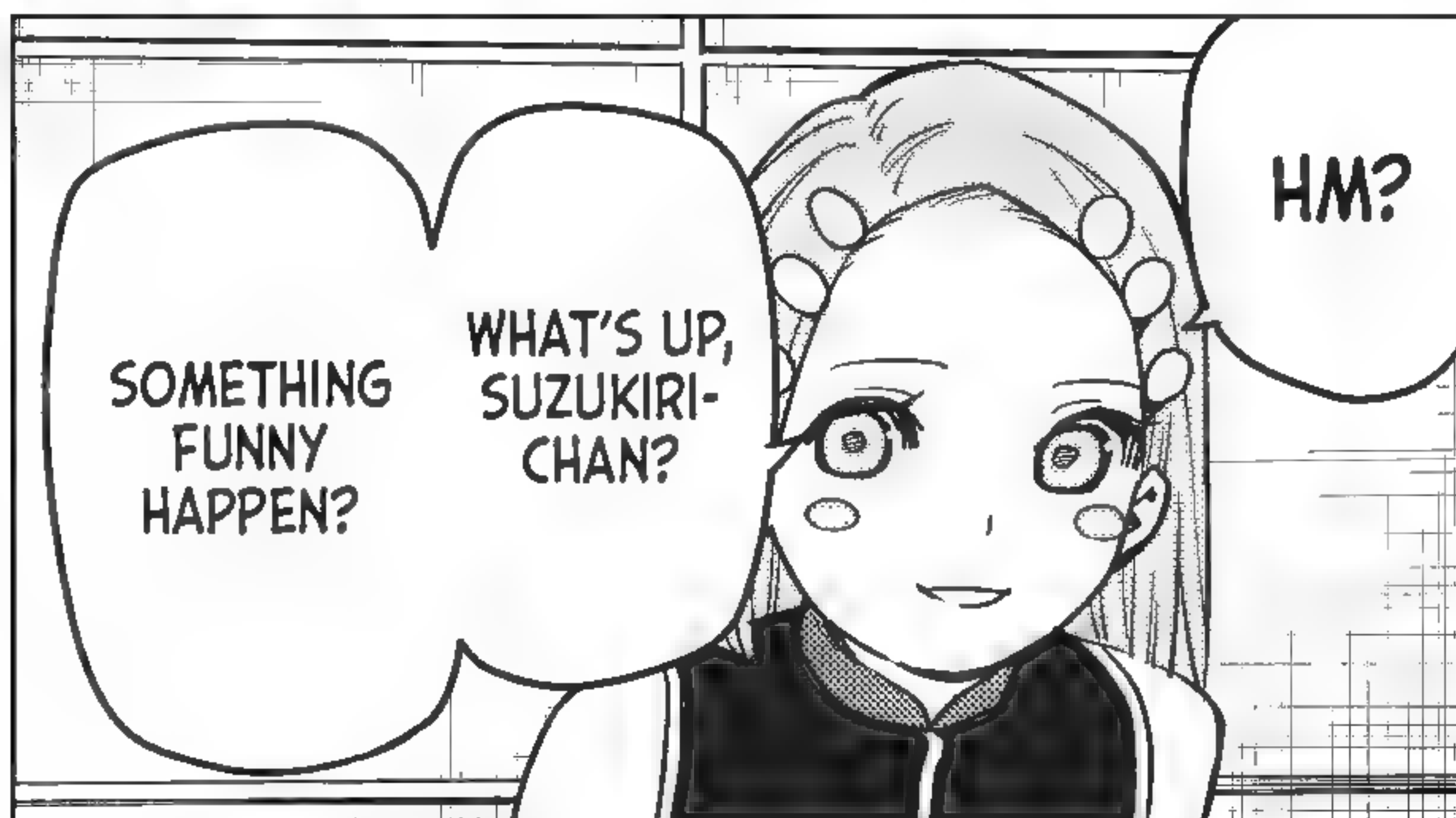
HA-  
HA-  
HA-  
HA!

HAH!



YEAH. YOU  
ALL JUST  
LOOK SO  
SERIOUS.

BUT  
IT'S SO  
OBVIOUS.



SOMETHING  
FUNNY  
HAPPEN?

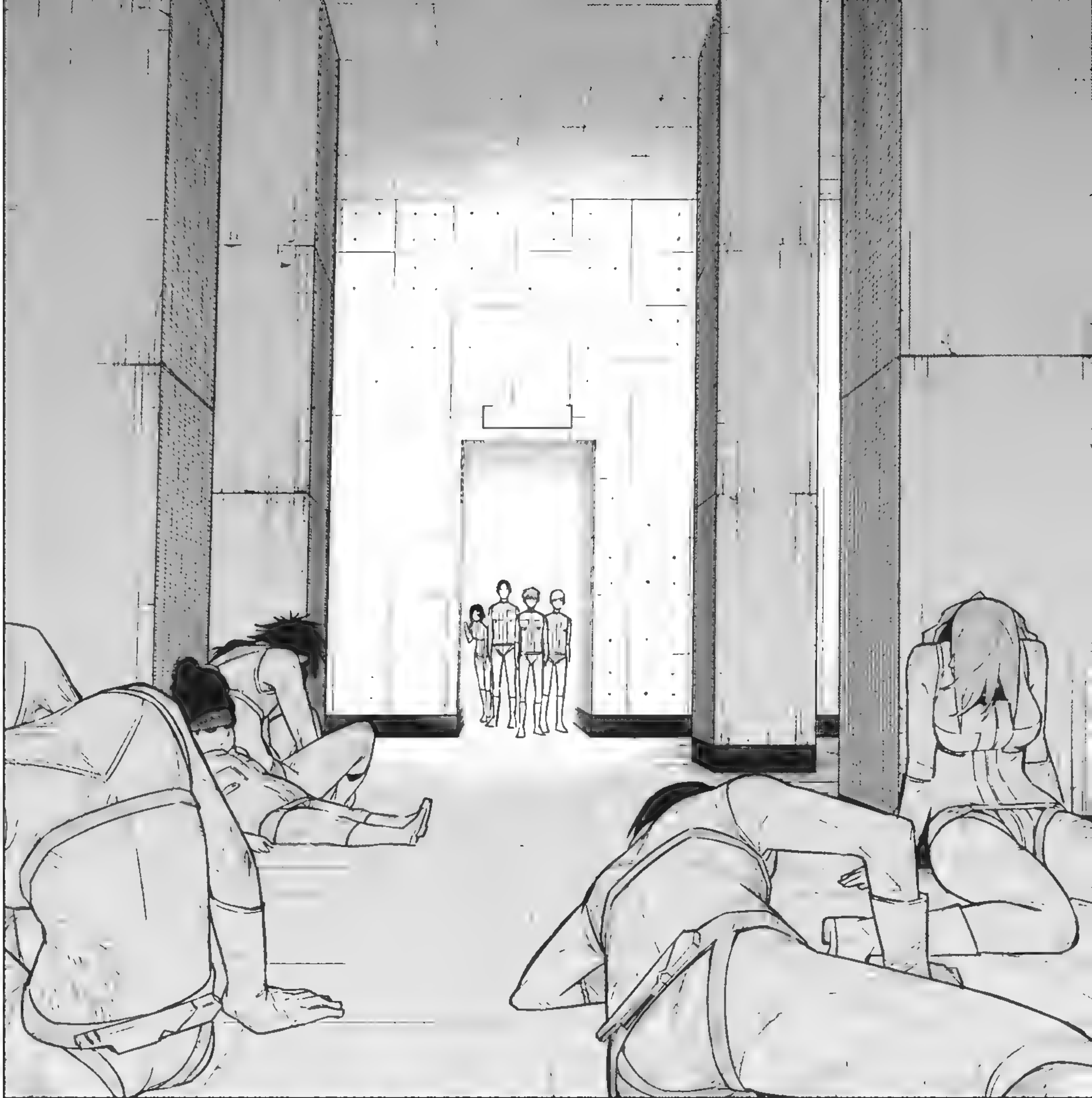
WHAT'S UP,  
SUZUKIRI-  
CHAN?

HM?



YOU DON'T  
MEAN A  
SINGLE  
WORD.









I JOINED  
TO FIGHT  
MONSTERS.

I NEVER  
HEARD  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
FIGHTING  
PEOPLE LIKE  
THEM.

I'M  
QUIT-  
TING.

WHAT'S  
THE POINT  
IN THIS?



THIS IS A  
PROBLEM  
...

SEEMS LIKE  
WE WEREN'T  
THE ONLY ONES  
WHO WERE  
COMPLETELY  
OVERPOWERED.



...SAVE  
YOURSELF THE  
TROUBLE AND  
JUST QUIT  
ALREADY.

AND IF  
ALL YOU'RE  
GONNA DO  
IS SPEND ALL  
DAY RUNNING  
AWAY JUST  
LIKE YOU DID  
TODAY...

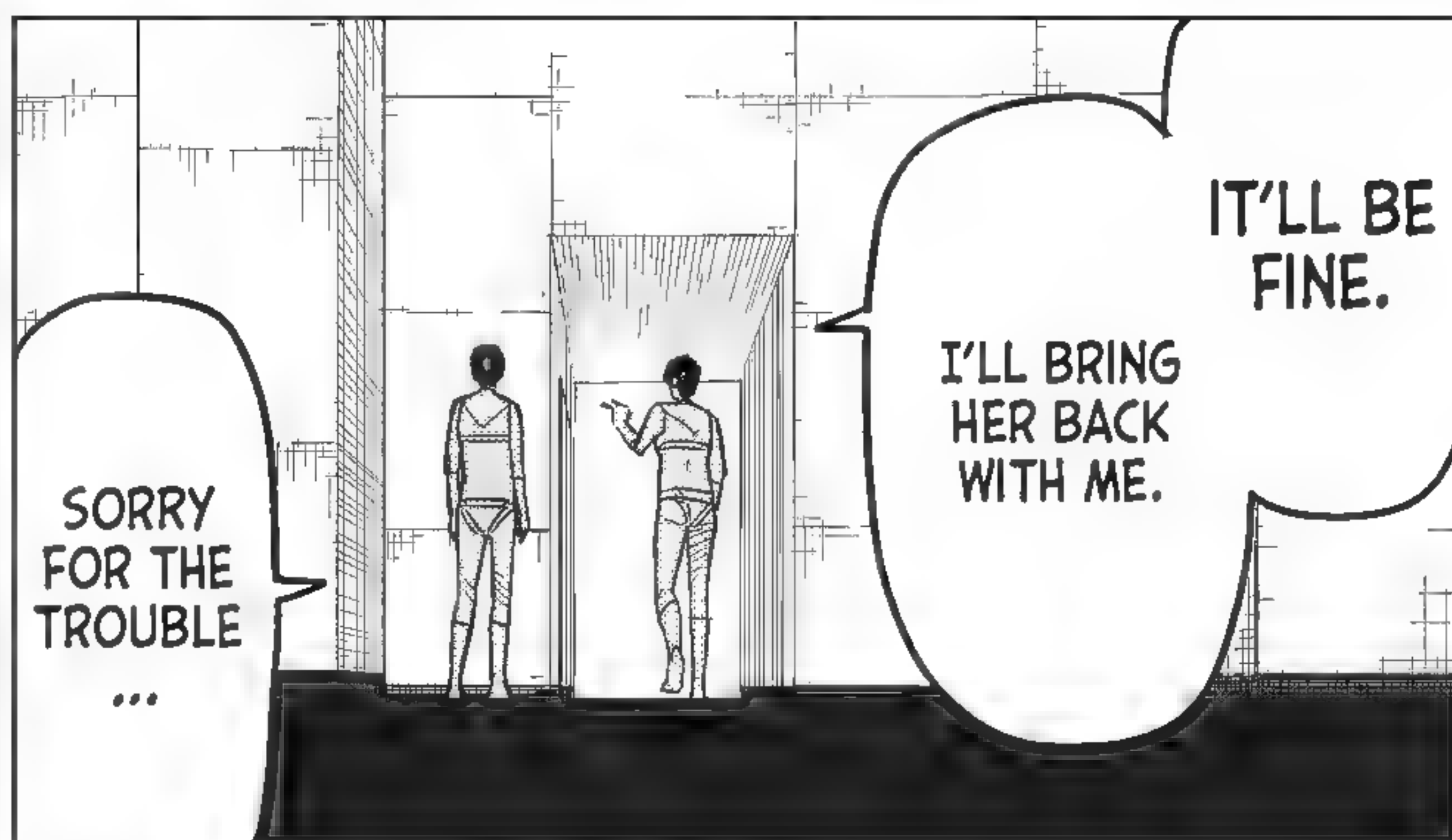


OH.

SORRY...

AND IT'S  
ONLY DAY  
ONE...

SEEMS  
LIKE ALL THE  
ADRENALINE  
LEFT MY  
BODY.



SORRY  
FOR THE  
TROUBLE  
...

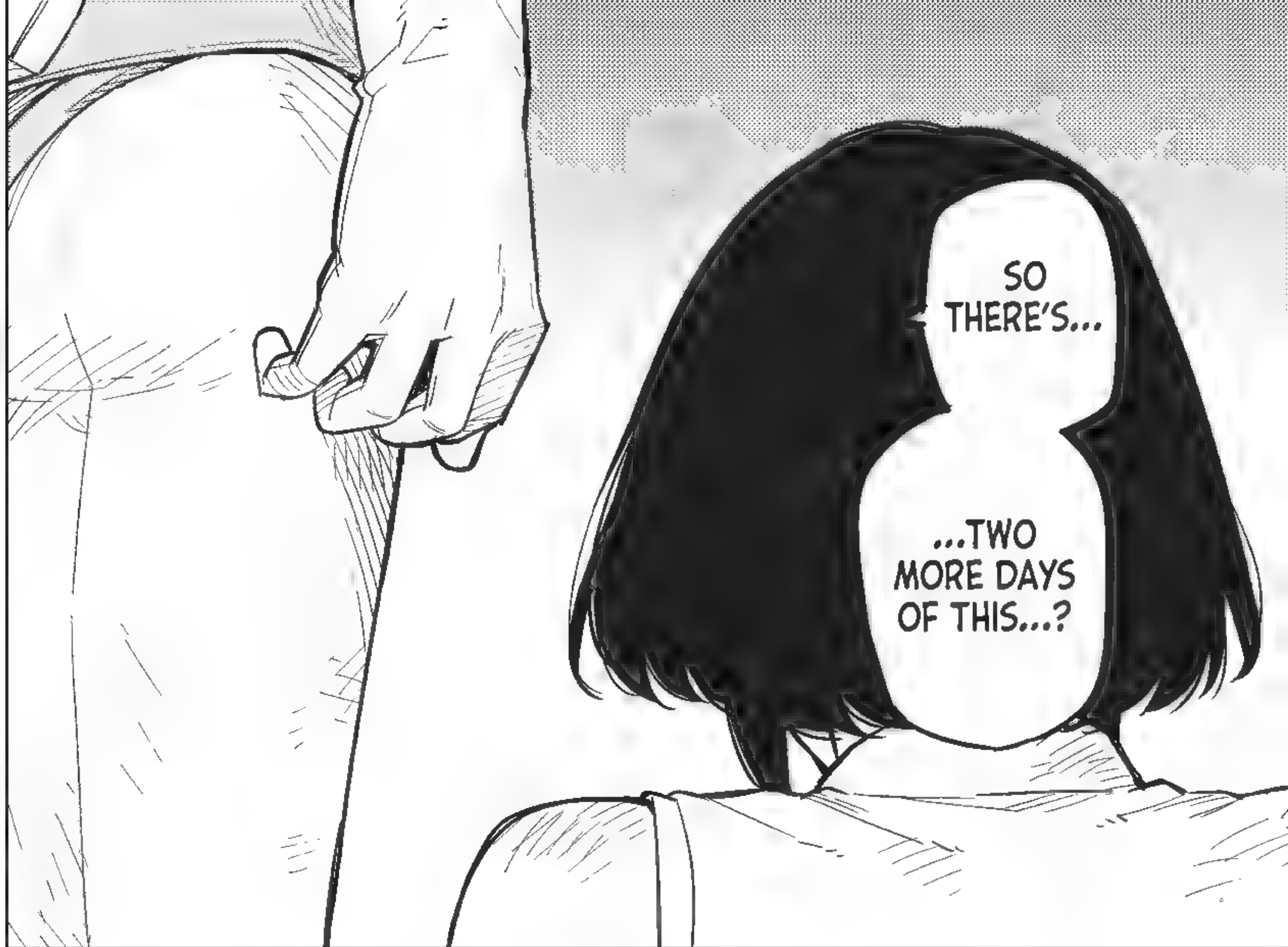
IT'LL BE  
FINE.

I'LL BRING  
HER BACK  
WITH ME.



POPOP





SO  
THERE'S...

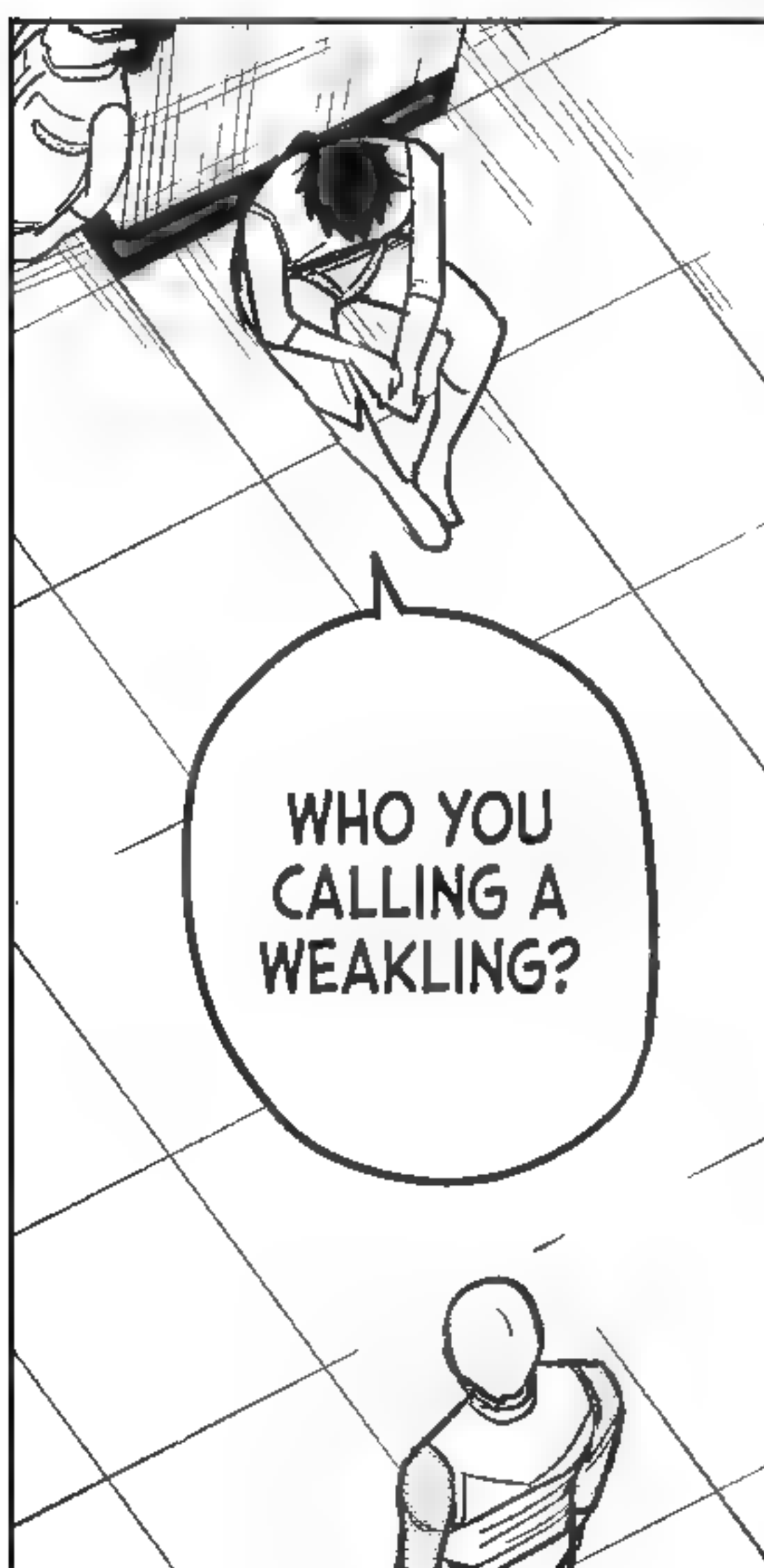
...TWO  
MORE DAYS  
OF THIS...?



I ADMIT,  
I DO RESPECT  
YOUR MENTAL  
FORTITUDE.

GUSH  
HI  
HI  
HI  
GUSH

YOU SHOULD  
JUST RUN HOME  
IF YOU'VE LOST  
HEART.  
WEAKLINGS.



WHO YOU  
CALLING A  
WEAKLING?



STILL, THE  
HOT-HEADED  
WAY YOU FIGHT  
REALLY SAVED  
ME OUT THERE.

LET'S MAKE  
EACH OTHER'S  
DREAMS COME  
TRUE!

I'LL BE  
COUNTING  
ON YOU  
AGAIN GOING  
FORWARD!





I HAVEN'T  
GIVEN UP,  
OKAY?

YEAH,  
RANMARU.  
I KNOW!

EIGEN-  
KUN.



LET'S GO.  
TIME TO  
STRATEGIZE  
FOR  
TOMORROW.

YEAH.



DAMMIT...

DESPITE  
HOW SHE  
LOOKS, SHE'S  
A MONSTER.

THAT  
LITTLE GIRL  
RANGER...



HE MUST BE  
MORE OPEN  
WITH EIGEN.

I HEARD  
THOSE TWO  
ARE OLD  
FRIENDS.

IT'S BEEN A  
WHILE SINCE  
I LAST SAW  
KOGUMA-KUN  
TALK.



IS THAT  
SO...



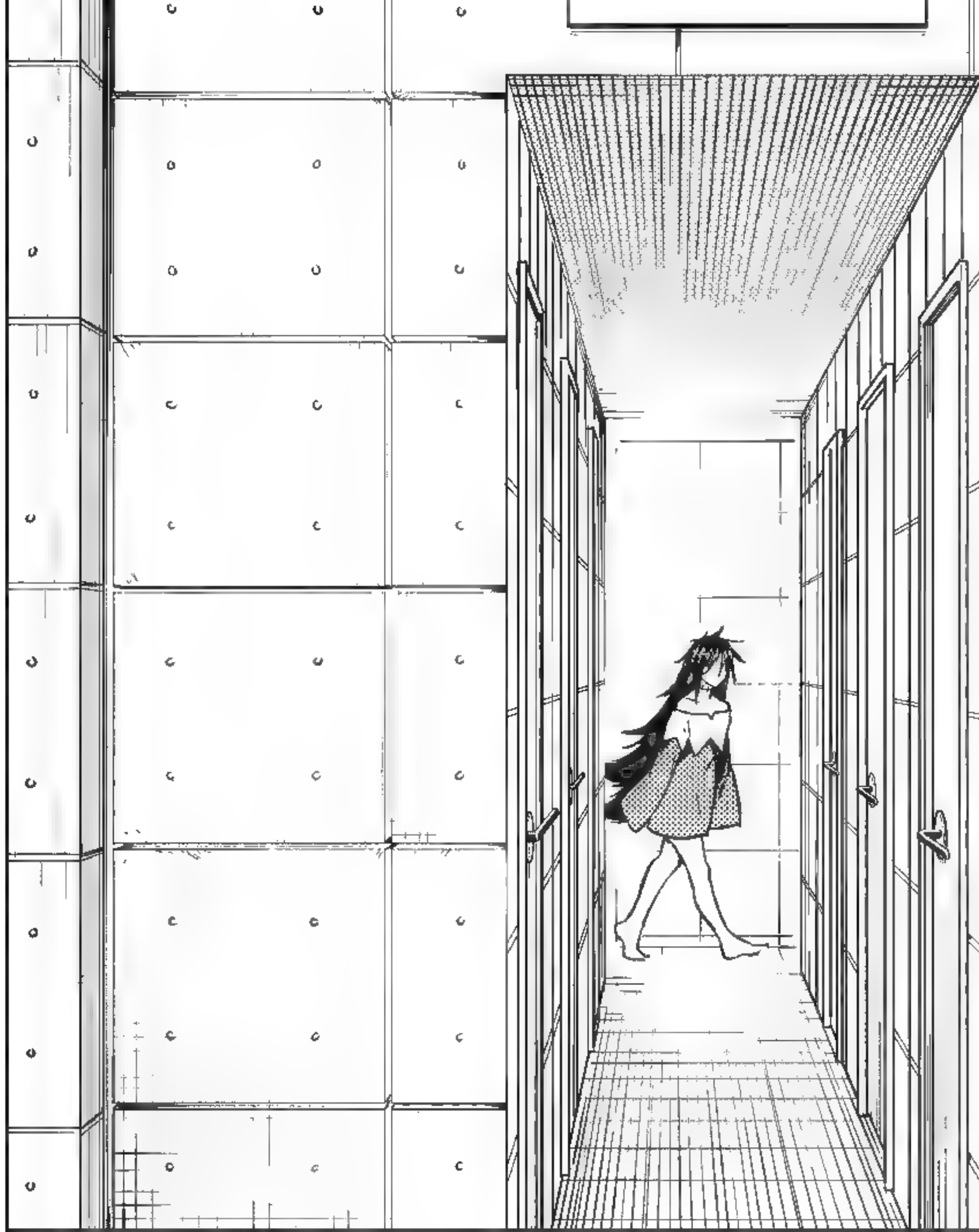
SHIPPOU-KUN  
SAID HE NEEDED  
TO BE TOUGHER  
AS WELL, SO HE  
LOCKED HIMSELF  
IN THE TRAINING  
ROOM.

TO  
THE POINT  
WHERE I'M  
ACTUALLY  
ENJOYING  
IT!

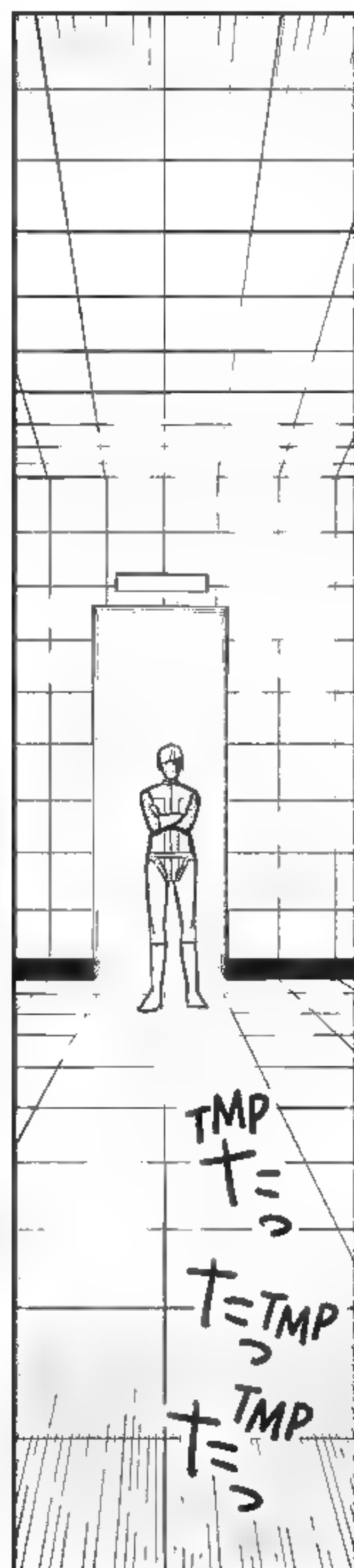
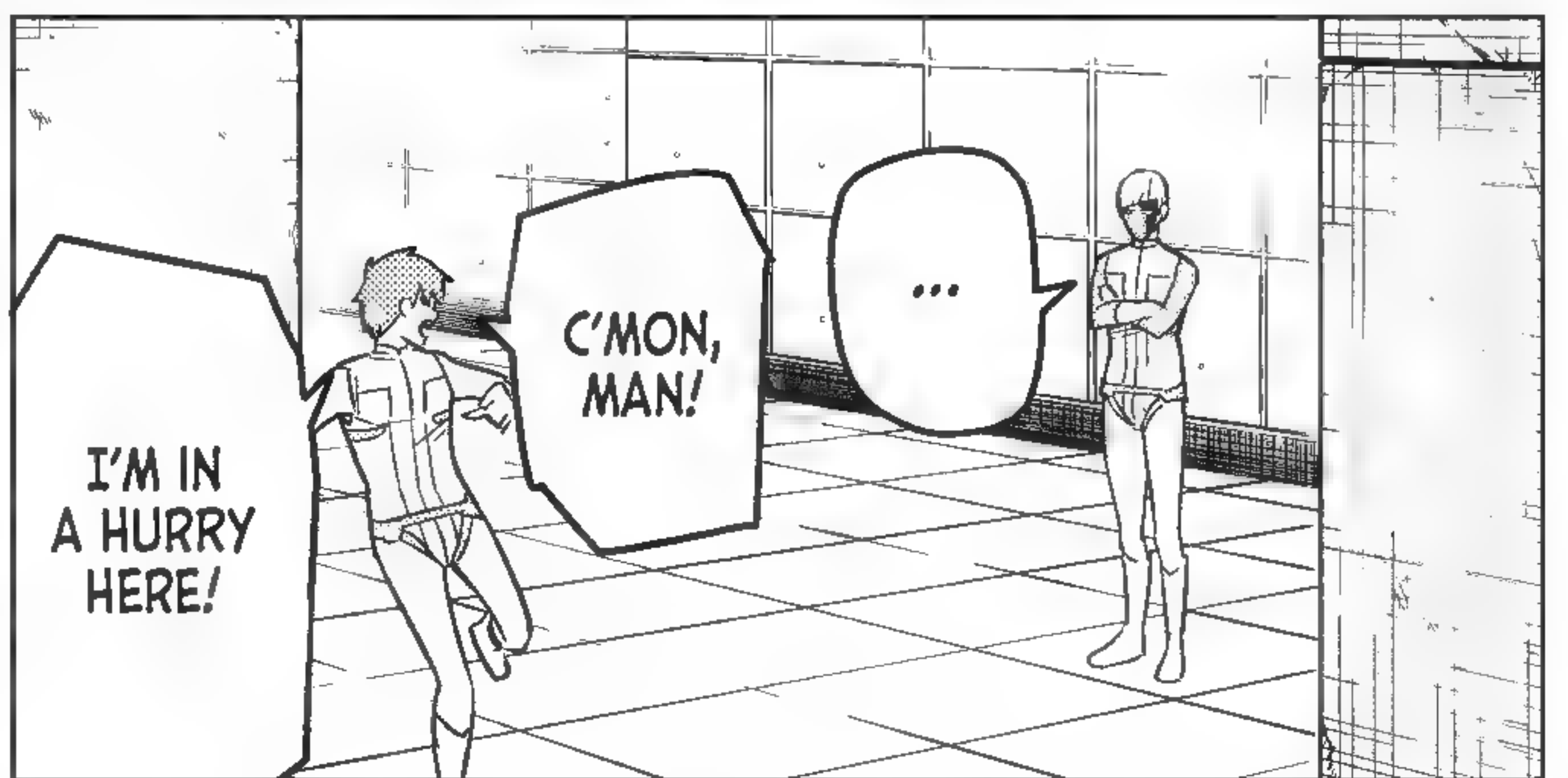
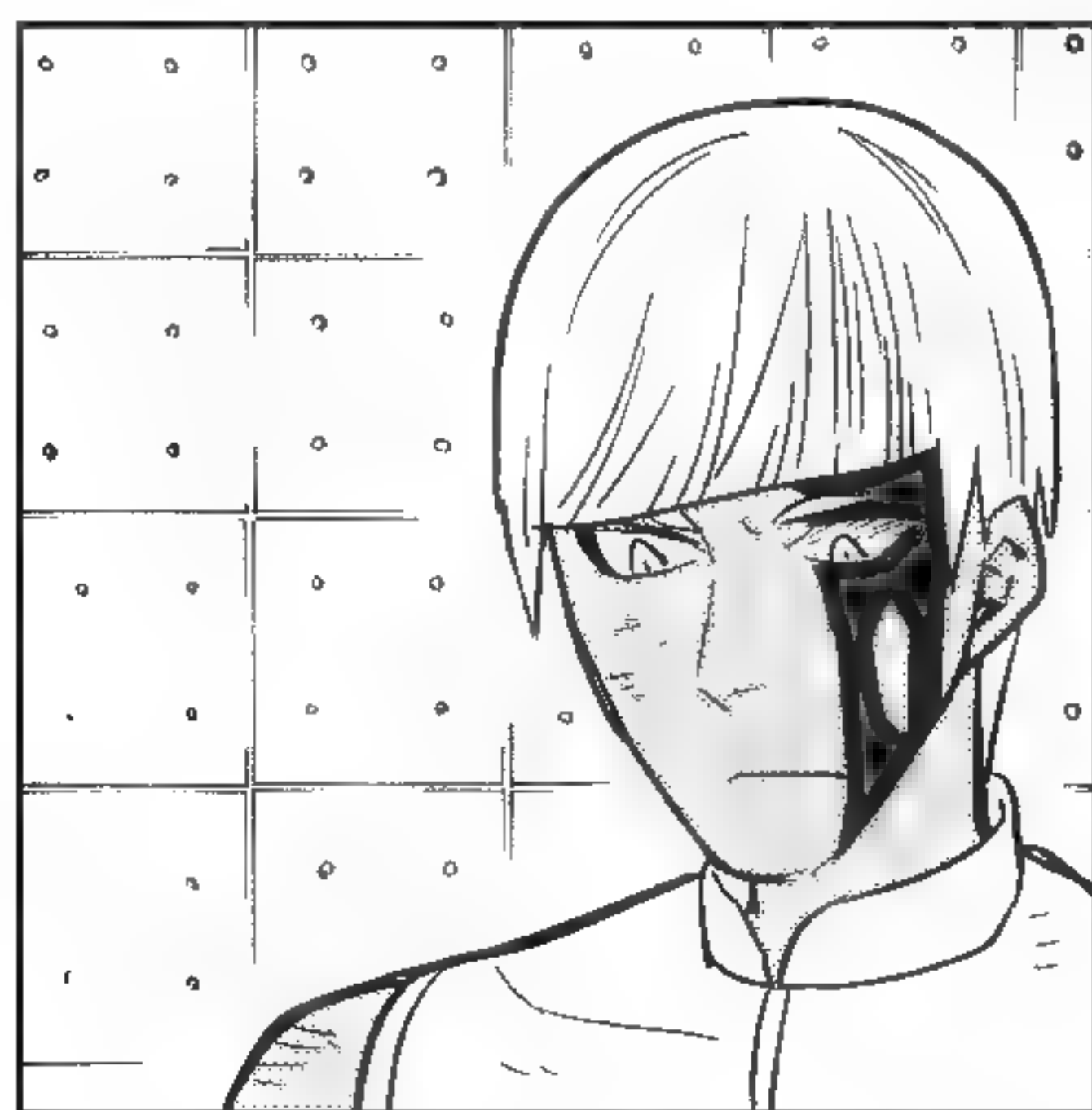
THIS IS  
A LOST  
CAUSE.

AND  
FINALLY,  
PINK  
SQUAD...

















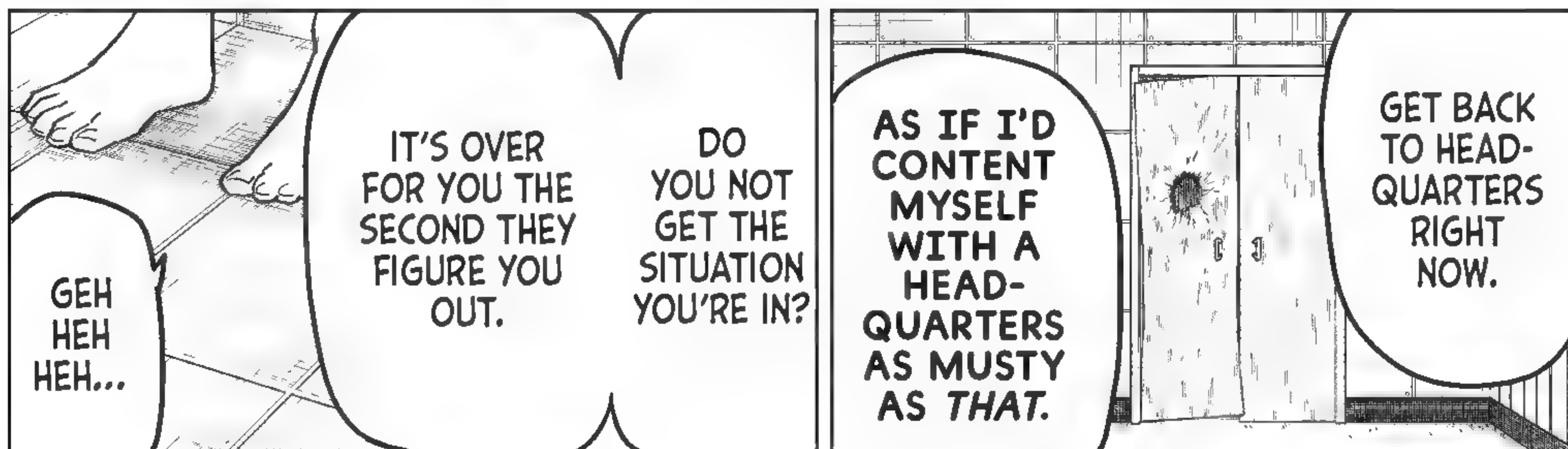
WHAT'RE  
YOU ACTING  
SO HIGH AND  
MIGHTY FOR?

YOU.

...AND ANYWAY,  
FORGET ABOUT  
ME. WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING?

I'LL  
PRAISE  
YOU FOR  
THAT.

I DIDN'T  
EXPECT YOU  
TO REALLY  
MAKE IT  
THROUGH  
THE TEST  
UNHARMED.



GEH  
HEH  
HEH...

IT'S OVER  
FOR YOU THE  
SECOND THEY  
FIGURE YOU  
OUT.

DO  
YOU NOT  
GET THE  
SITUATION  
YOU'RE IN?

AS IF I'D  
CONTENT  
MYSELF  
WITH A  
HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
AS MUSTY  
AS *THAT*.

GET BACK  
TO HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
RIGHT  
NOW.



OH?

YOU  
SOUND SO  
PESSIMISTIC  
NOW.

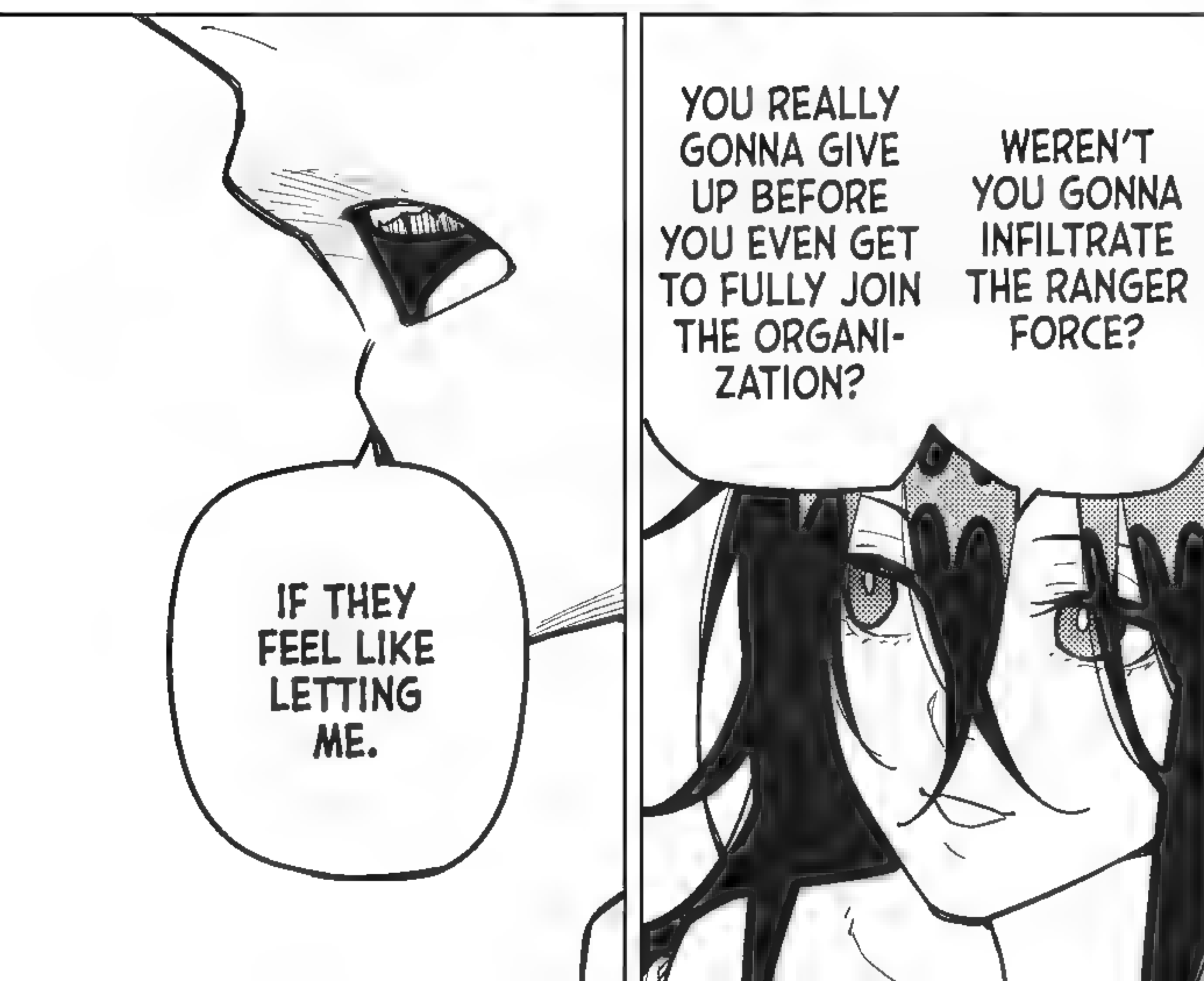
I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO COVER  
FOR YOU ANY-  
MORE.



I KNOW.  
I'LL WAIT  
A LITTLE  
LONGER.

JUST A  
LITTLE.

SERIOUS-  
LY. I'M  
BEGGING  
YOU...



IF THEY  
FEEL LIKE  
LETTING  
ME.

YOU REALLY  
GONNA GIVE  
UP BEFORE  
YOU EVEN GET  
TO FULLY JOIN  
THE ORGANI-  
ZATION?

WEREN'T  
YOU GONNA  
INFILTRATE  
THE RANGER  
FORCE?





TODAY  
MADE IT  
CRYSTAL  
CLEAR.

THEY  
DON'T HAVE  
ANY INTENTION  
OF LETTING US  
PASS.



ALL  
THEY'RE  
DOING IS  
FORCING  
US TO DO  
MEANINGLESS  
TRAINING.  
THAT'S IT.

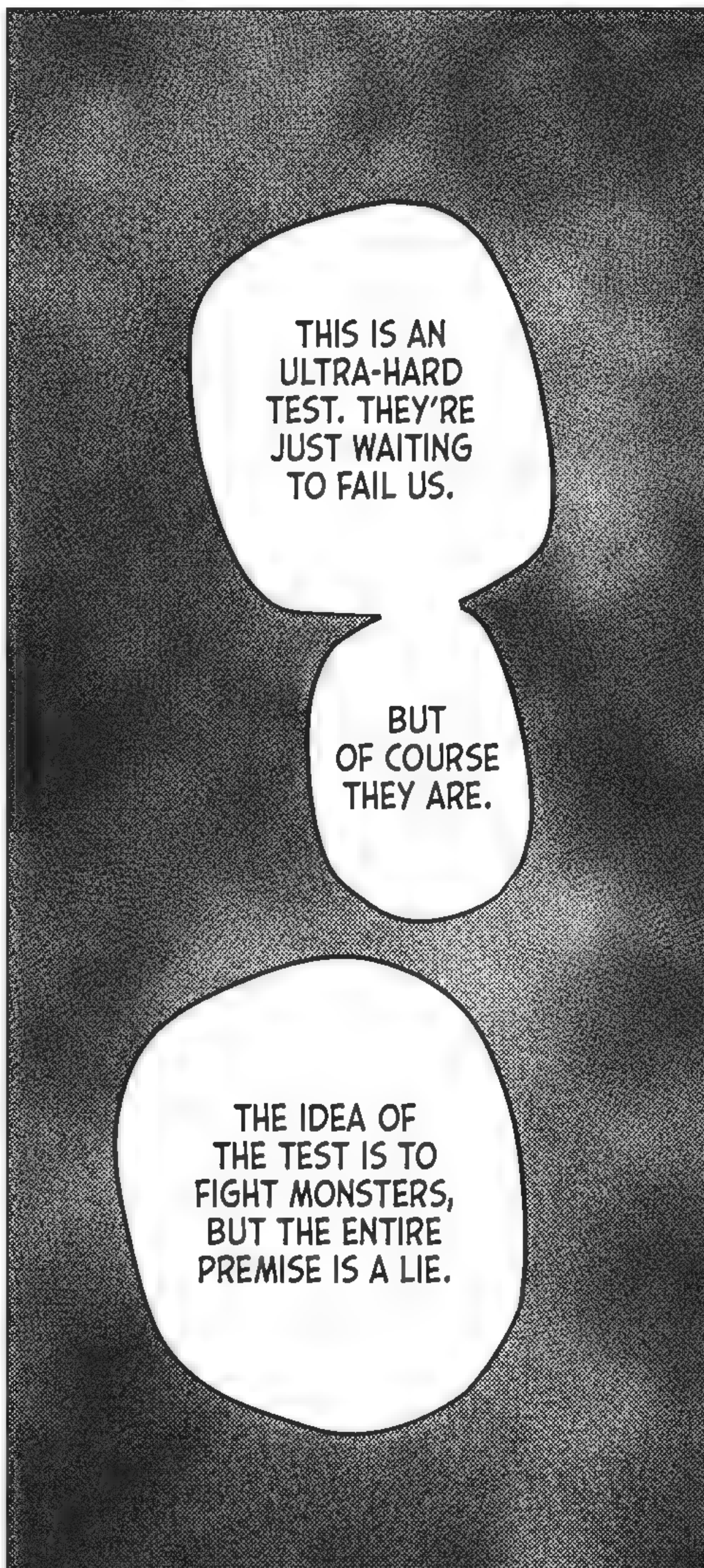
I BET  
THE IDEA  
THAT THEY'RE  
RECRUITING  
IS JUST FOR  
SHOW, TOO.



AND I DON'T  
MEAN THAT  
FIGURATIVELY.

BUT  
EVEN SO, I  
WAS ABLE  
TO WORK  
WITH SHION  
TO SURPRISE  
ONE.

THE TEST  
PROCTORS  
ARE SO  
POWERFUL  
THAT IT'S  
NOT EVEN  
FAIR.



THIS IS AN  
ULTRA-HARD  
TEST. THEY'RE  
JUST WAITING  
TO FAIL US.

BUT  
OF COURSE  
THEY ARE.

THE IDEA OF  
THE TEST IS TO  
FIGHT MONSTERS,  
BUT THE ENTIRE  
PREMISE IS A LIE.





DAY ONE  
OF THE  
FINAL  
EXAM  
HAS  
ENDED.

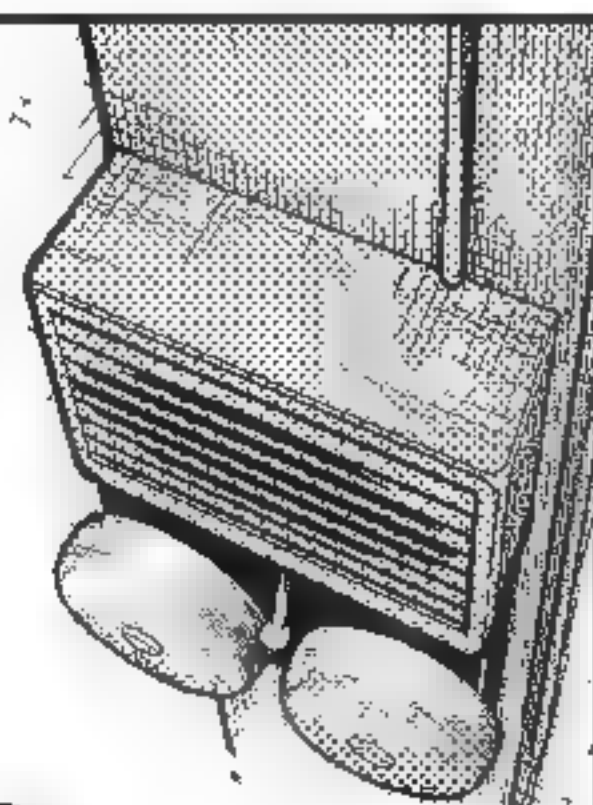


I ACTUALLY  
MANAGED  
A SURPRISE  
ATTACK ON  
ONE.



SO THAT  
VOICE  
CAME FROM  
THERE...

STUPID  
THING  
SCARED  
ME.



SHION-  
KUN!

WHAM

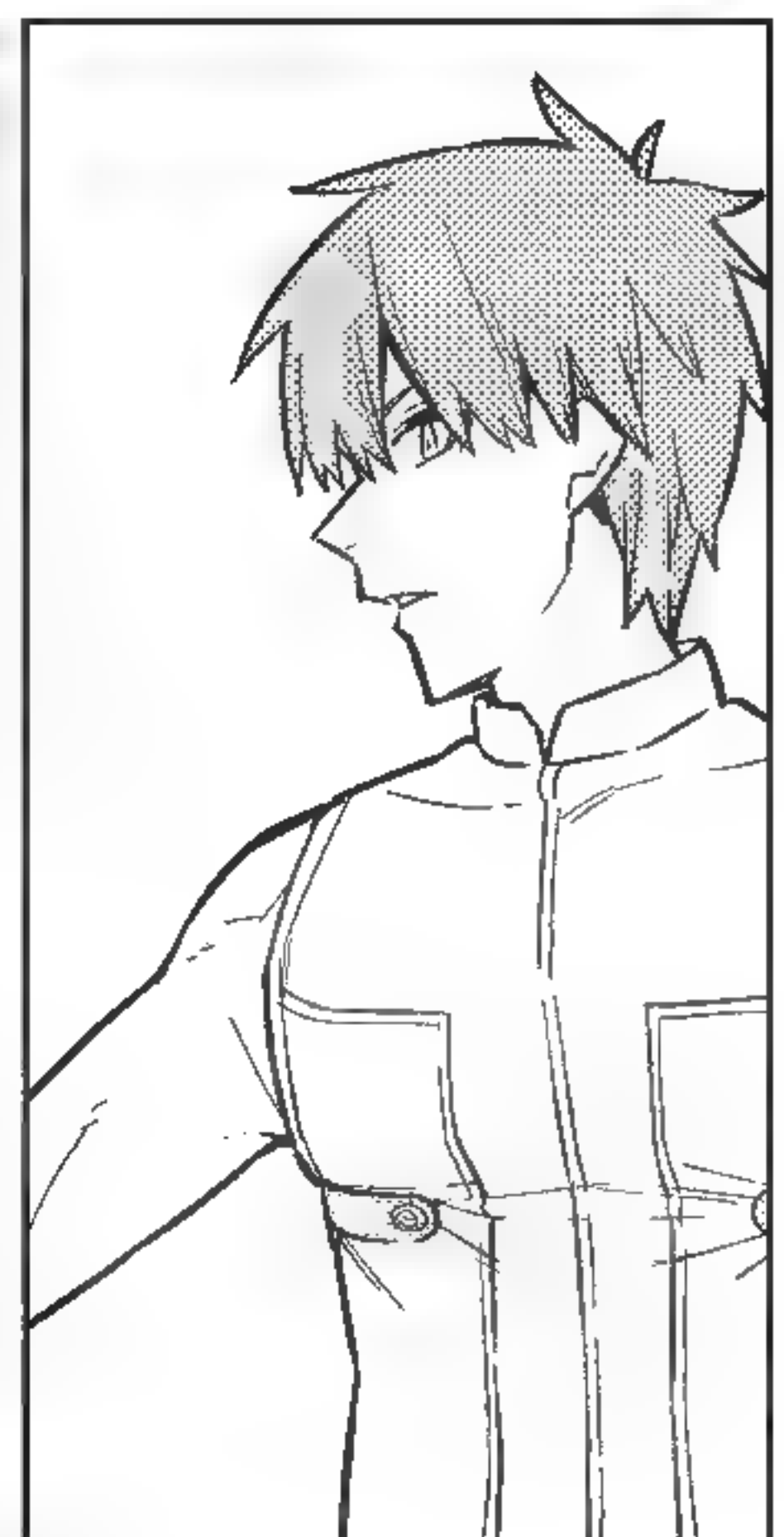
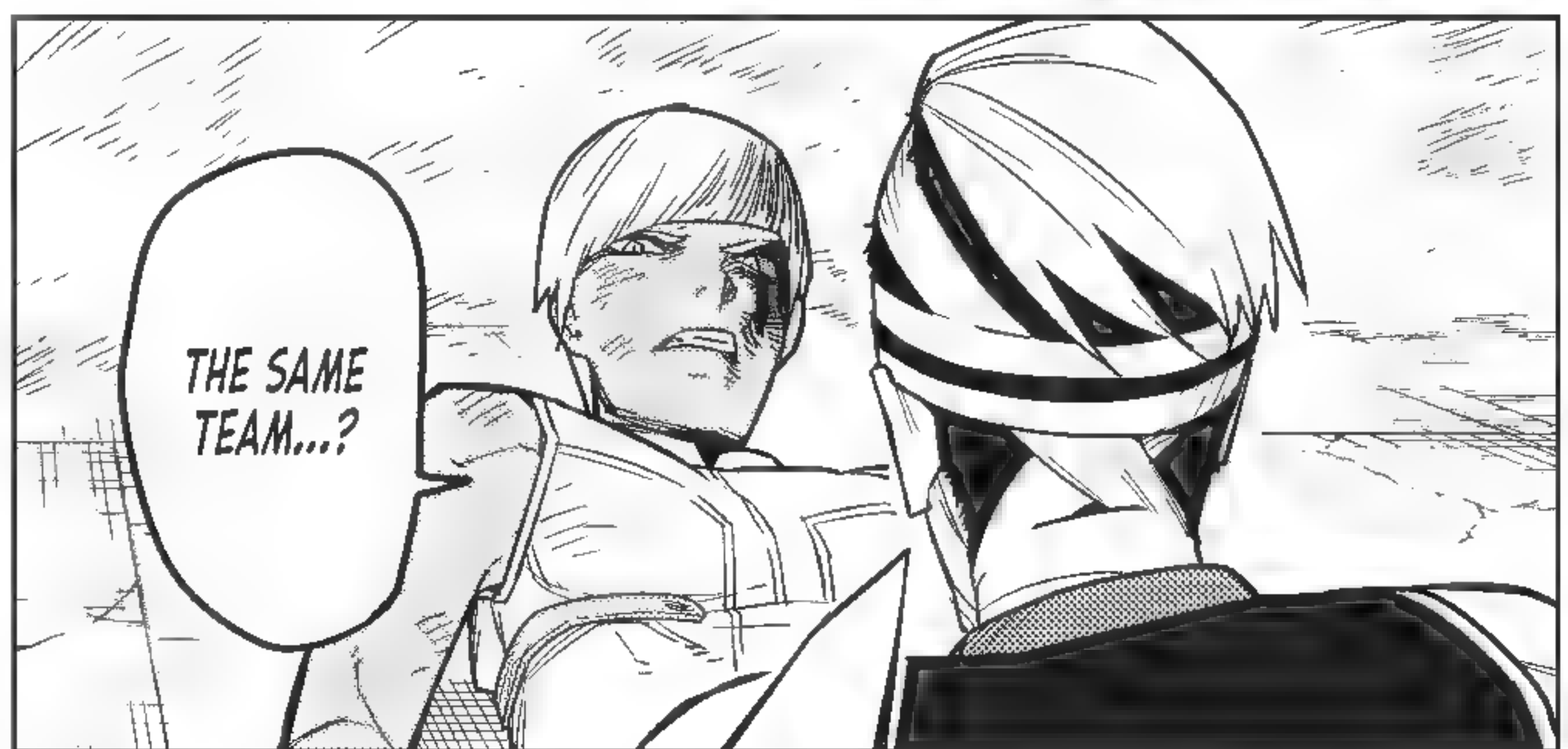


TIME FOR  
A BONUS  
ROUND!

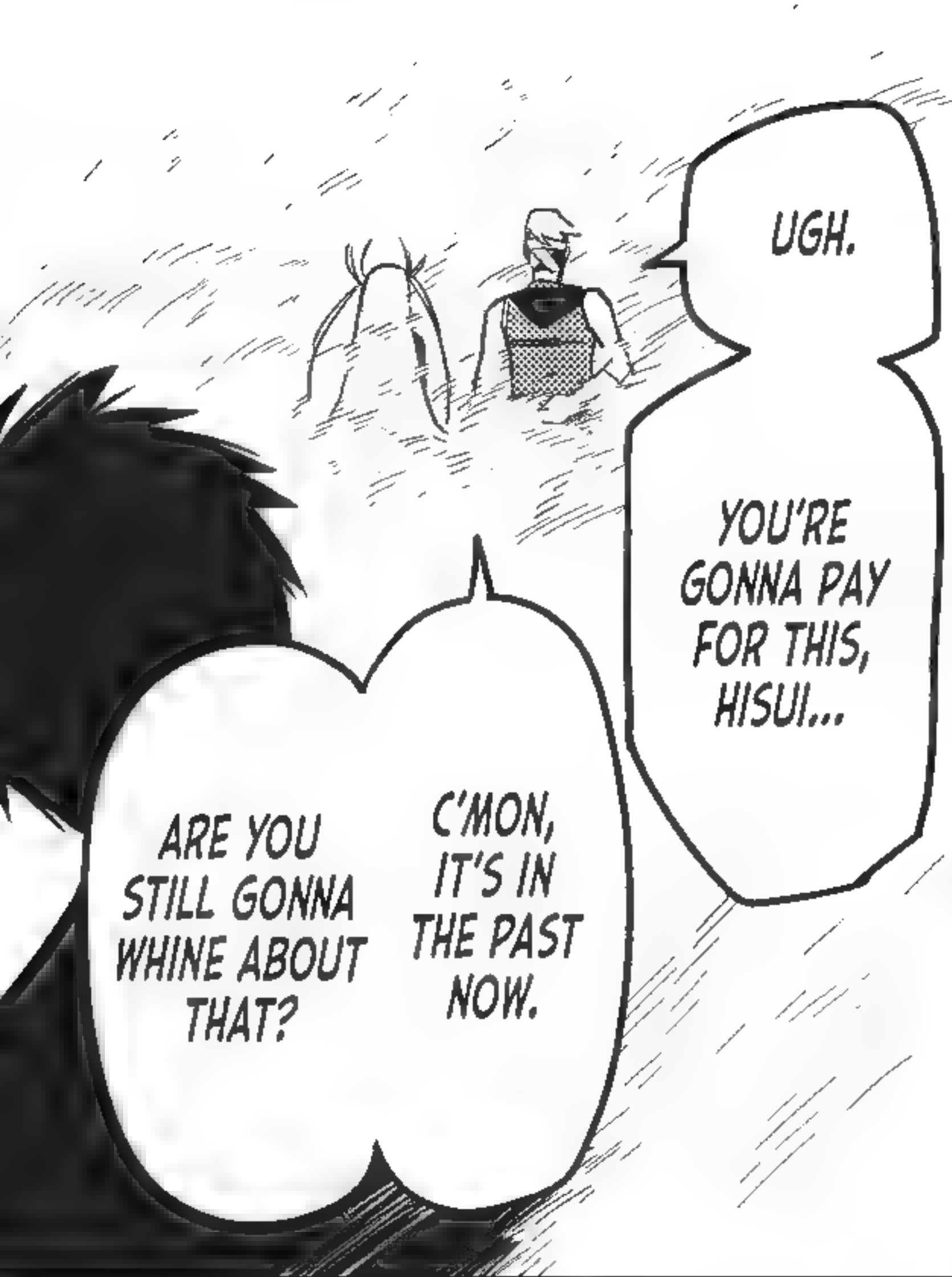
C'MON,  
YOU TWO!

YOU THINK  
I'D CALL IT  
QUITS AT A  
PERFECT TIME  
LIKE THIS?!









ARE YOU STILL GONNA WHINE ABOUT THAT?

C'MON, IT'S IN THE PAST NOW.

UGH.  
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS, HISUI...

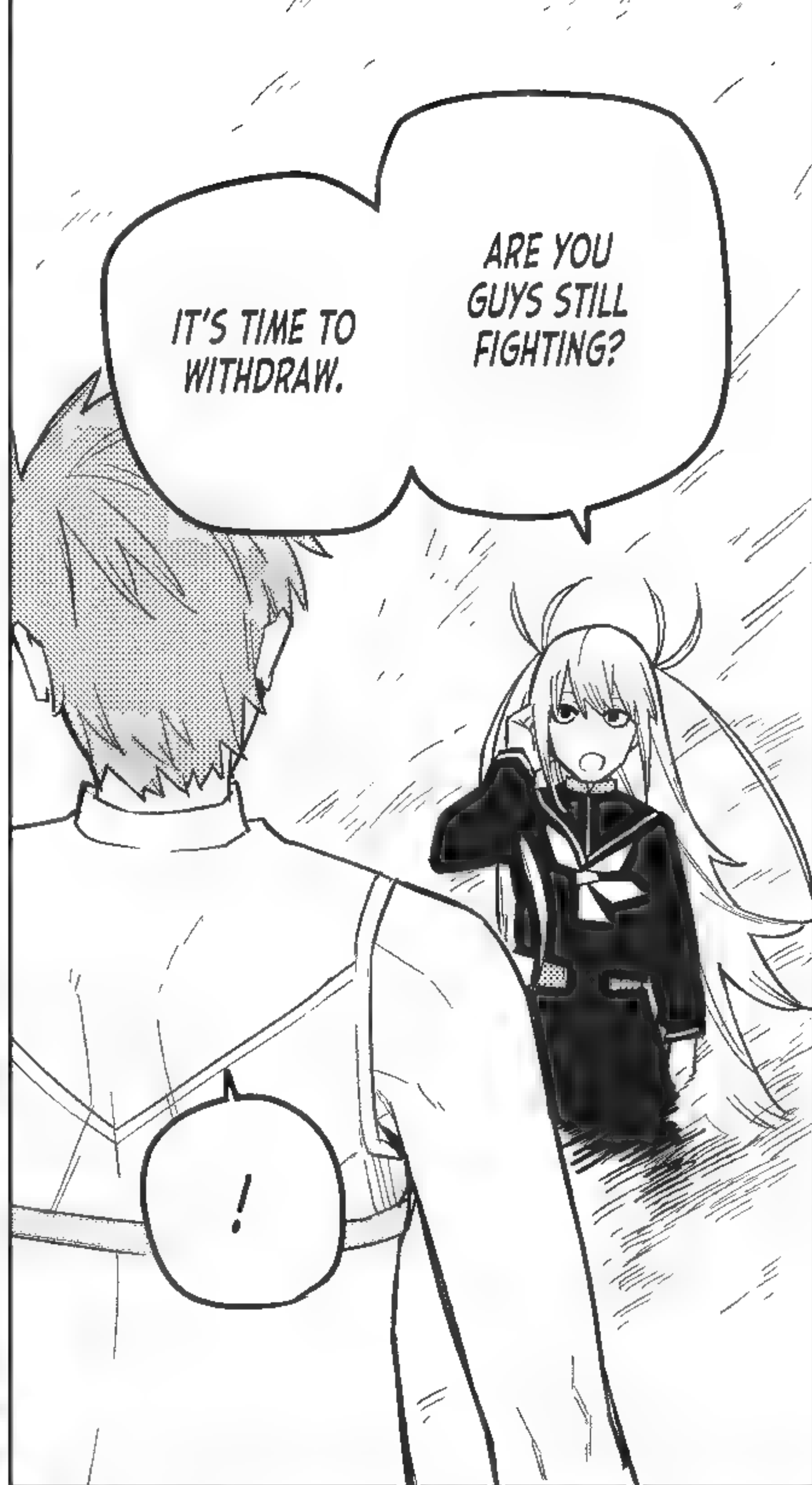


DID HE MEAN...



SEE YA TOMORROW.

TOO BAD.



IT'S TIME TO WITHDRAW.

ARE YOU GUYS STILL FIGHTING?



THERE WAS ONLY ONE KEY.



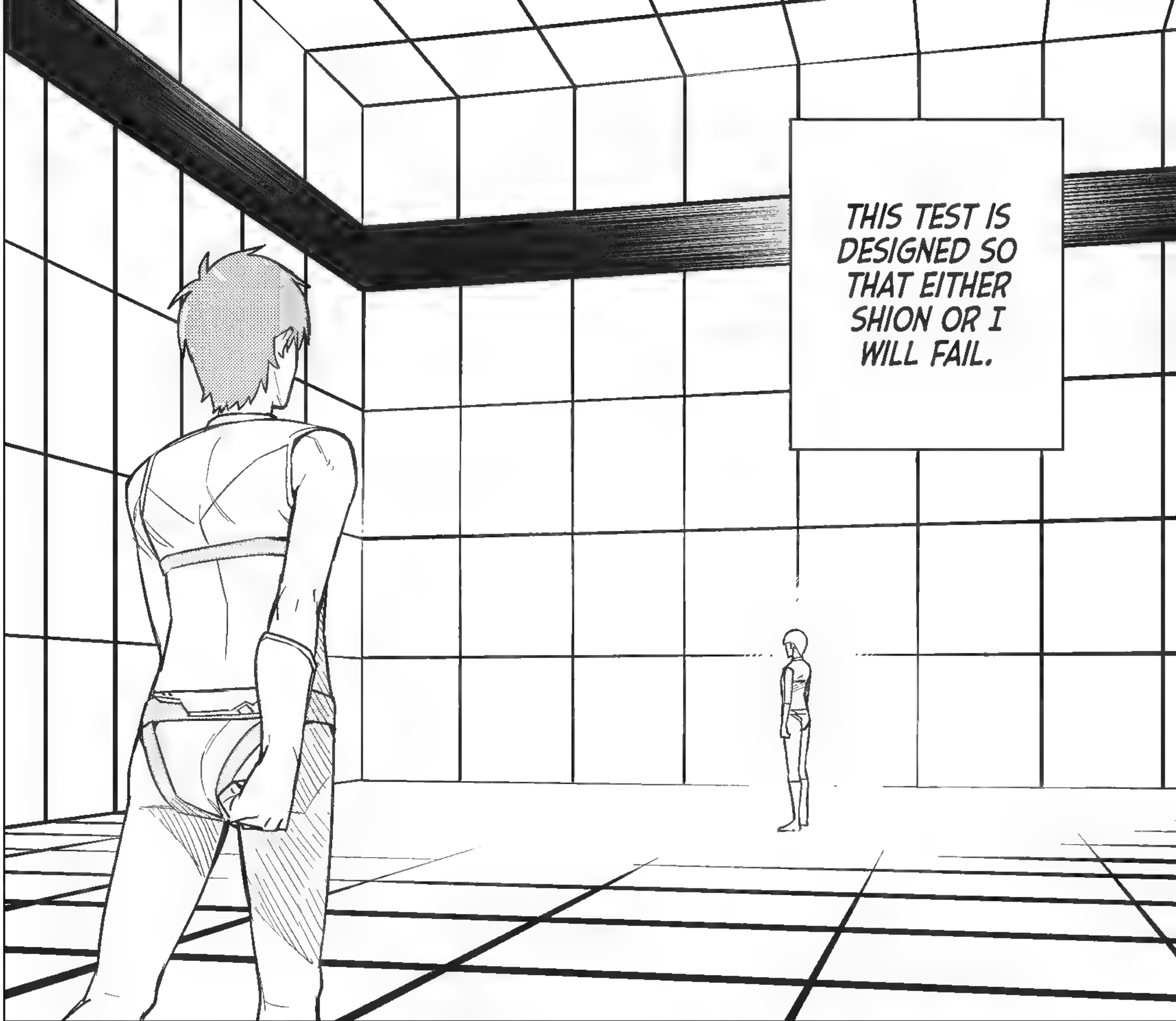
IT'S ONE KEY PER PERSON.

IF WHAT TOKITA IMPLIED IS TRUE...

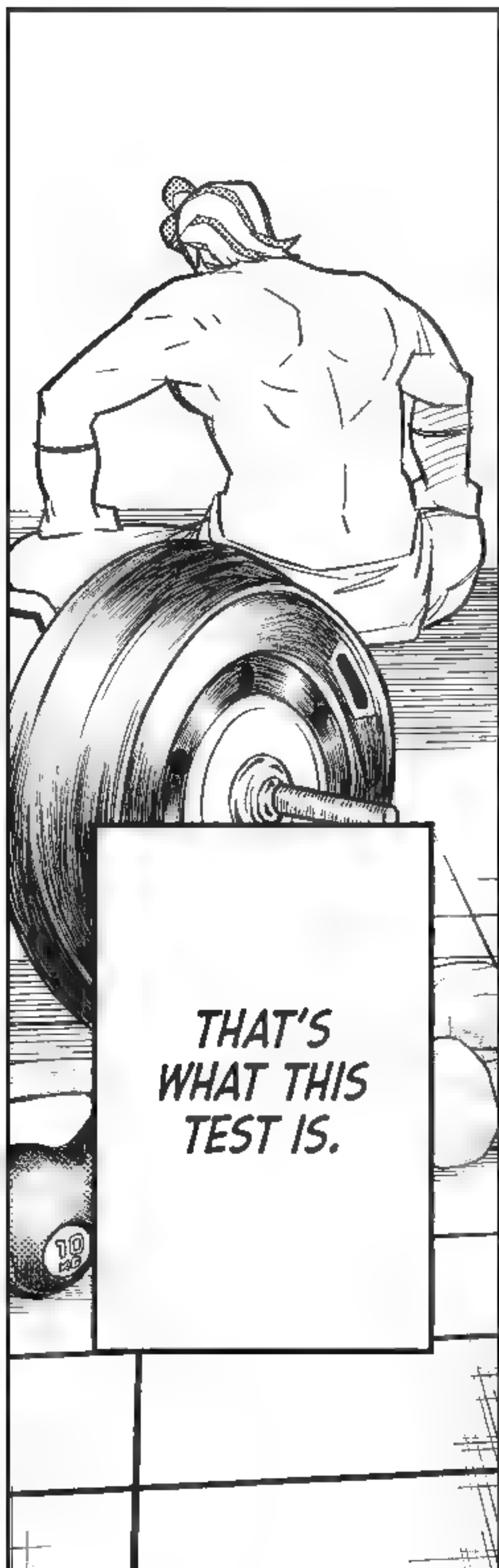
BUT DID HE EVER SAY THAT ONE KEY WAS ENOUGH FOR A TEAM?

THE INSTRUCTOR TOLD US TO TAKE THE KEY FROM THEM.

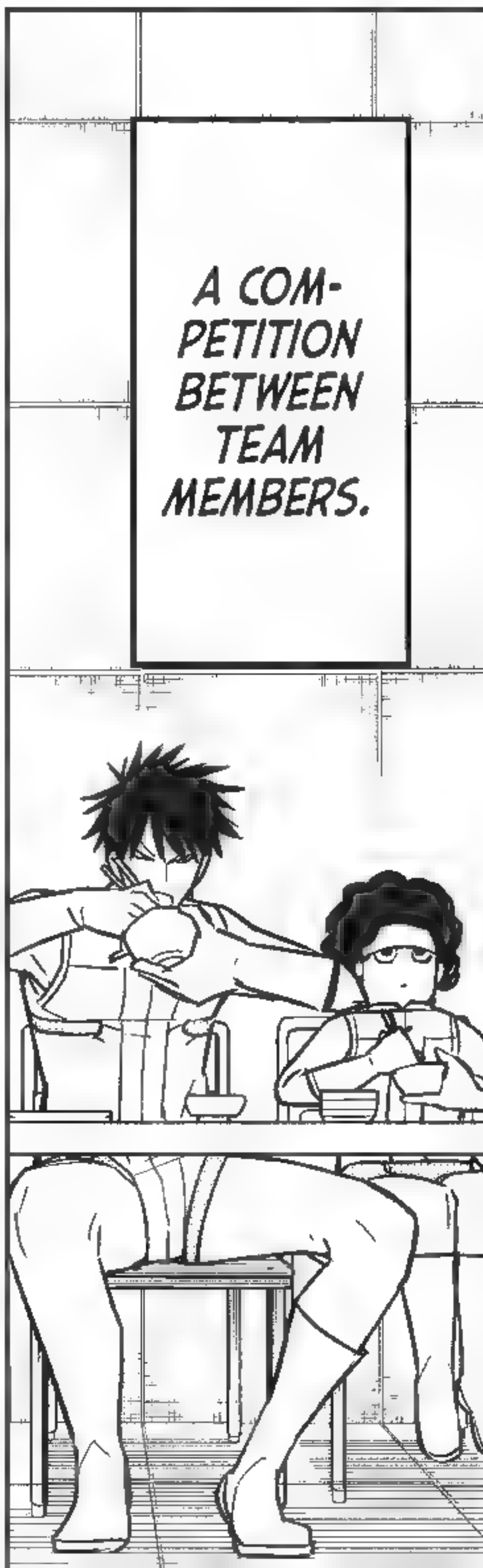
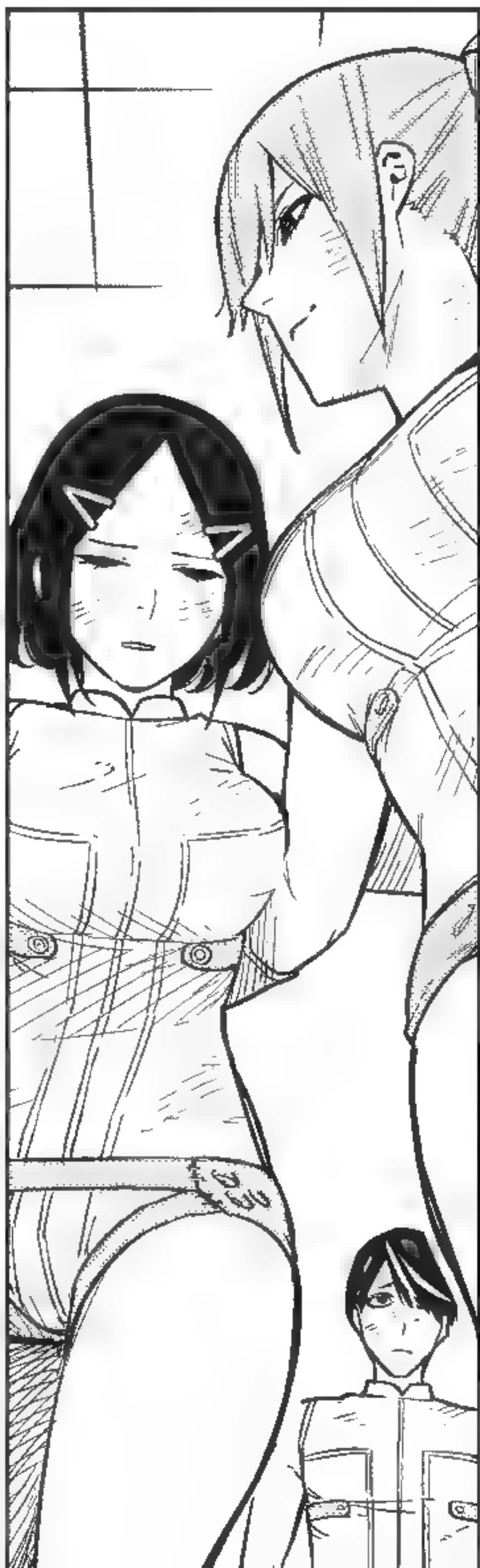




THIS TEST IS  
DESIGNED SO  
THAT EITHER  
SHION OR I  
WILL FAIL.



THAT'S  
WHAT THIS  
TEST IS.



A COM-  
PETITION  
BETWEEN  
TEAM  
MEMBERS.

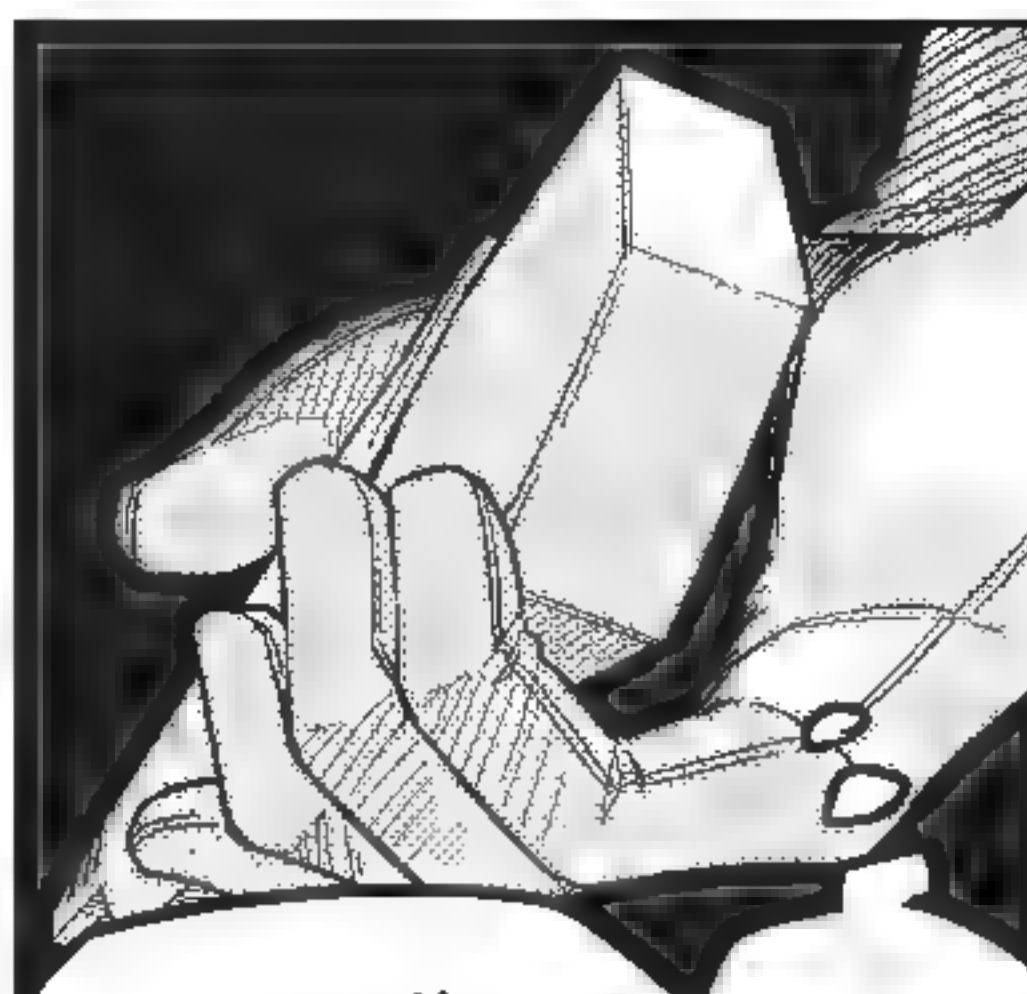






**SAKURA-  
MA.**

**WHY'D YOU  
JOIN THE  
RANGER  
FORCE?**



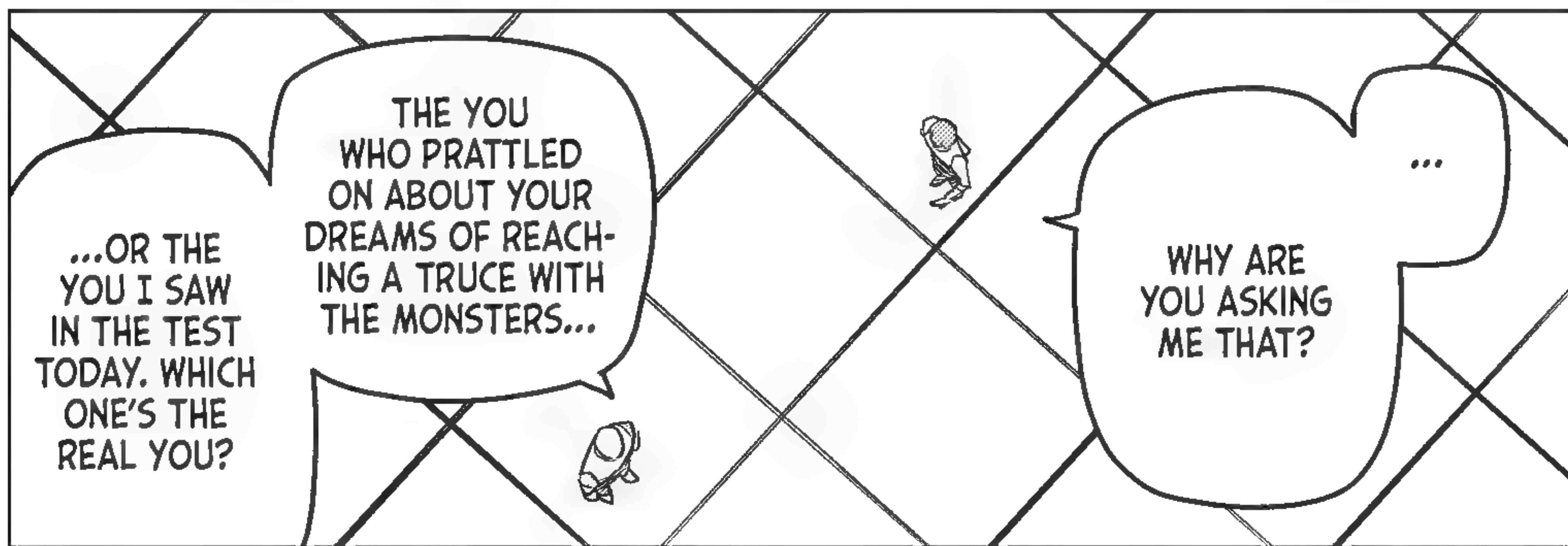
*I DON'T  
THINK  
I'VE DONE  
ANYTHING TO  
GIVE AWAY  
MY TRUE  
IDENTITY,  
BUT...*

*THIS IS  
SUSPI-  
CIOUS...*



**SORRY TO  
KEEP YOU  
WAITING.**

**WHAT IS IT  
YOU WANTED  
TO TALK  
ABOUT?**



**...OR THE  
YOU I SAW  
IN THE TEST  
TODAY. WHICH  
ONE'S THE  
REAL YOU?**

**THE YOU  
WHO PRATTLED  
ON ABOUT YOUR  
DREAMS OF REACH-  
ING A TRUCE WITH  
THE MONSTERS...**

**WHY ARE  
YOU ASKING  
ME THAT?**



**!**



**...I WANT TO  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE REALLY  
ABOUT.**

**IF WE'RE  
JOINING  
FORCES  
TOMORROW  
...**



*BUT I'LL  
KICK HIM  
TO THE  
CURB IF  
WE'RE  
COMPETI-  
TORS.*

*I'LL WORK  
WITH HIM IF  
IT'S WORTH  
IT TO ME...*



*I'M NOT  
GONNA  
FALTER.*

*I NEVER  
INTENDED  
ON REACHING  
MY GOAL  
BY MAKING  
FRIENDS.*

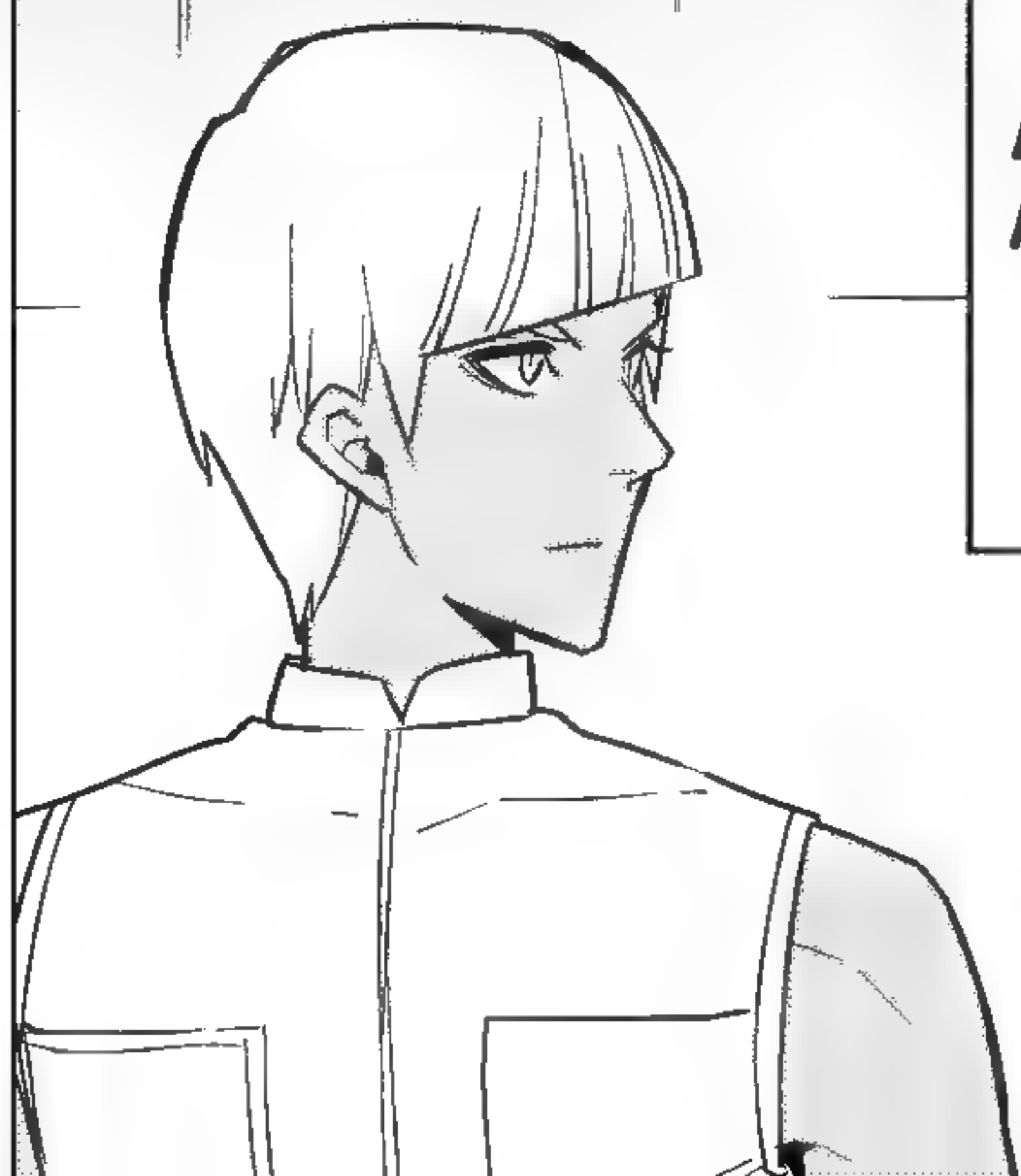
*I DON'T  
CARE WHAT  
THE RULES  
ARE IN THIS  
EXAM.*

*I'LL DO  
WHATEVER  
IT TAKES TO  
MAKE OUR  
LONG-AWAITED  
DREAM AS  
MONSTERS  
COME TRUE.*



*SHION.*

*I'M GOING TO  
BE THE ONE TO  
PUT AN END TO  
YOUR DREAMS.*

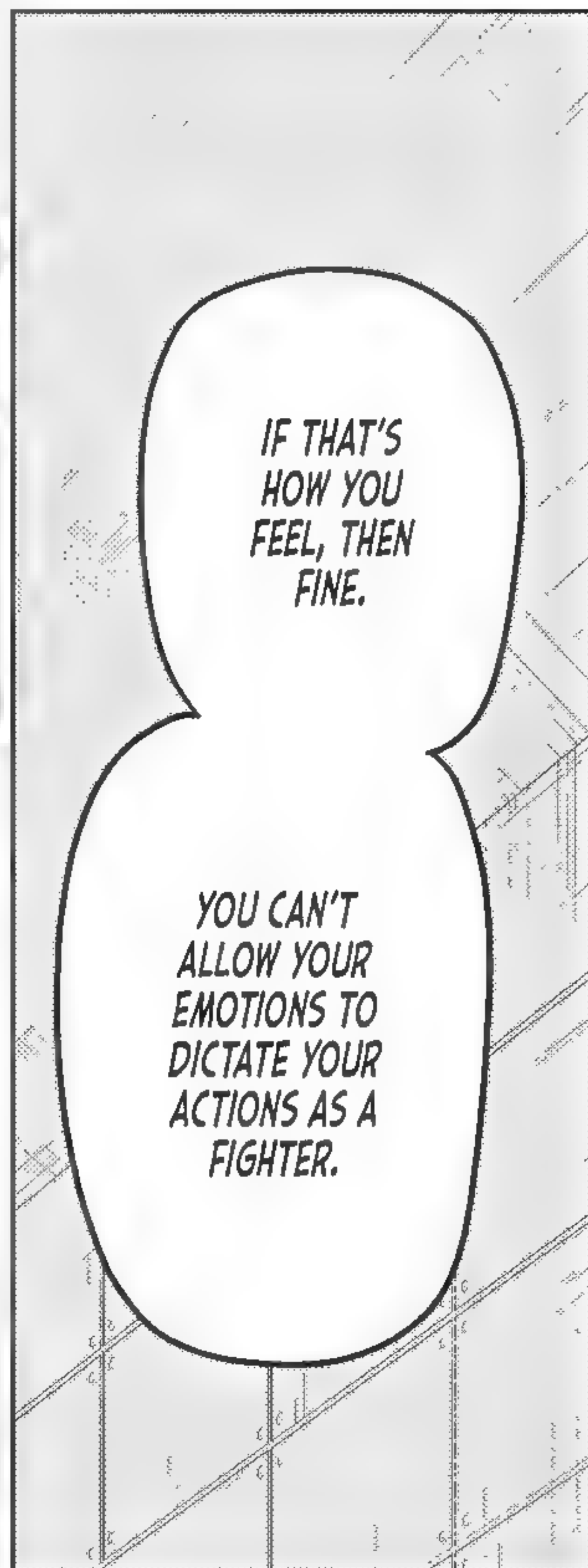






THE SURFACE-DWELLERS ARE ALL WORTHLESS BASTARDS. EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM.

I'VE ONLY COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER OVER THESE LAST THIRTEEN YEARS.



IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, THEN FINE.

YOU CAN'T ALLOW YOUR EMOTIONS TO DICTATE YOUR ACTIONS AS A FIGHTER.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT NOW.

I KNOW WE'RE MONSTERS.

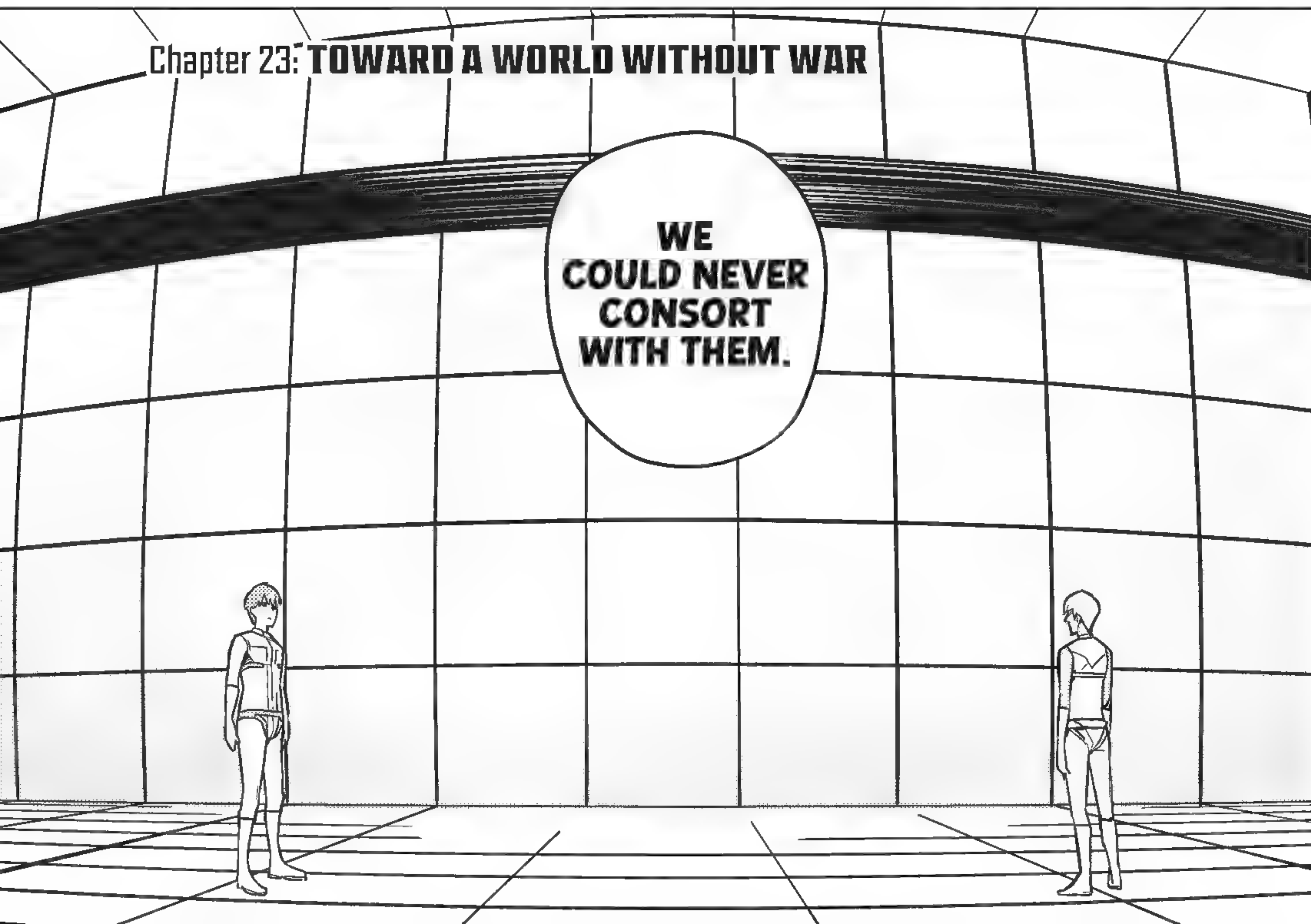


SLAM

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE LETTING YOUR EMOTIONS TAKE OVER...

THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS HIBIKI.

## Chapter 23: TOWARD A WORLD WITHOUT WAR



WE COULD NEVER CONSORT WITH THEM.

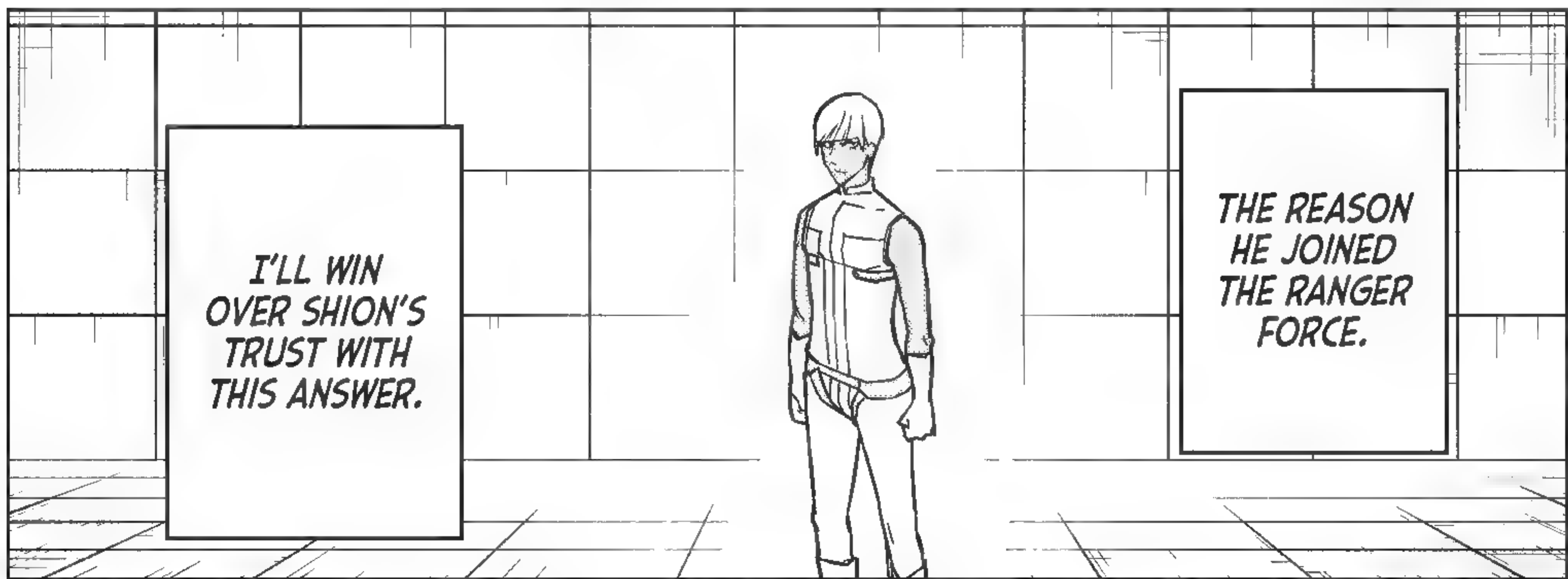




MY SISTER AND I  
LIVED PERFECTLY  
HAPPY LIVES WITH  
OUR PARENTS.

DON'T GET IT  
WRONG. JUST  
REPEAT WHAT  
HIBIKI TOLD  
YOU.

IT HAPPENED  
THIRTEEN YEARS  
AGO.



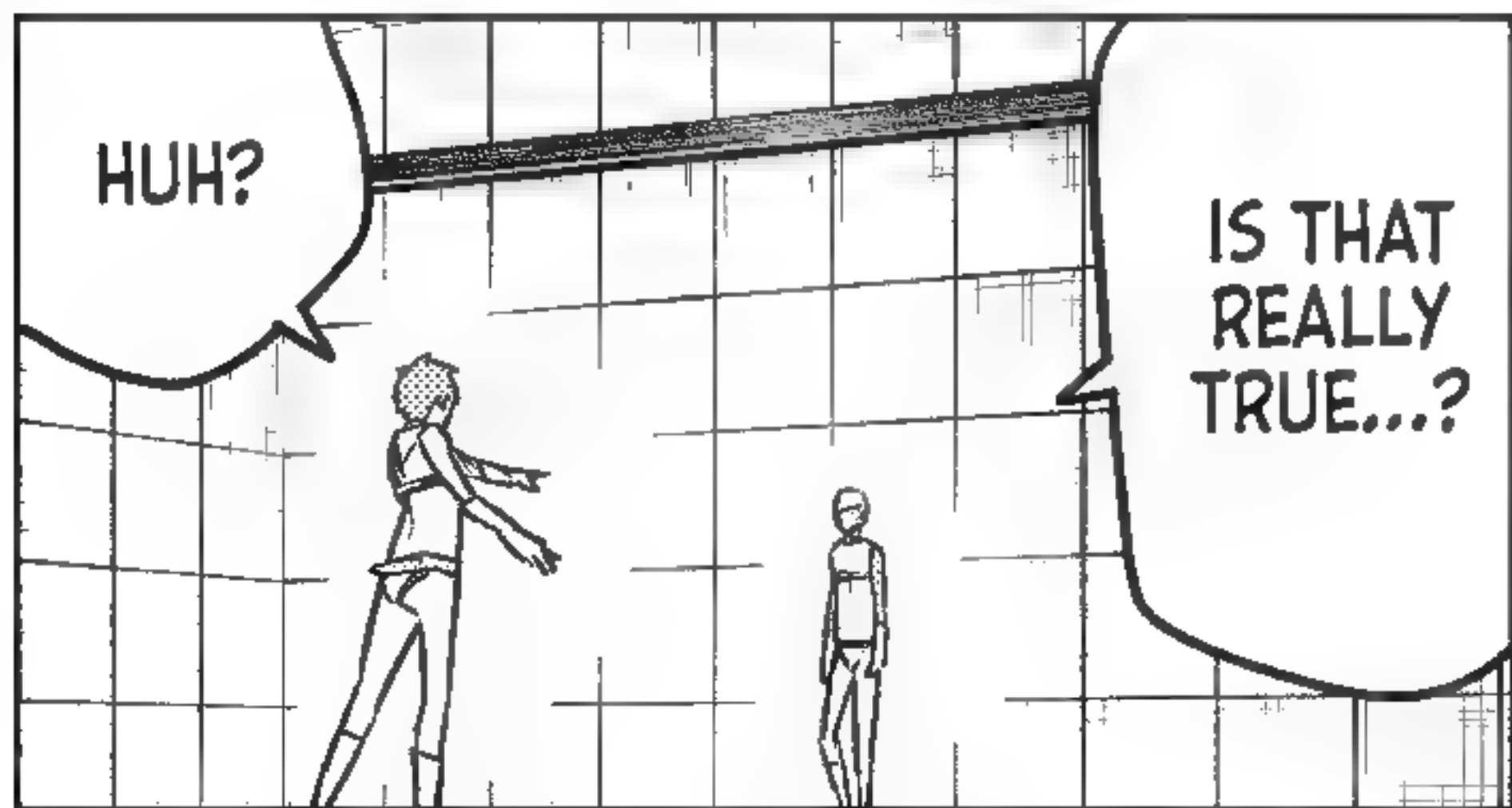
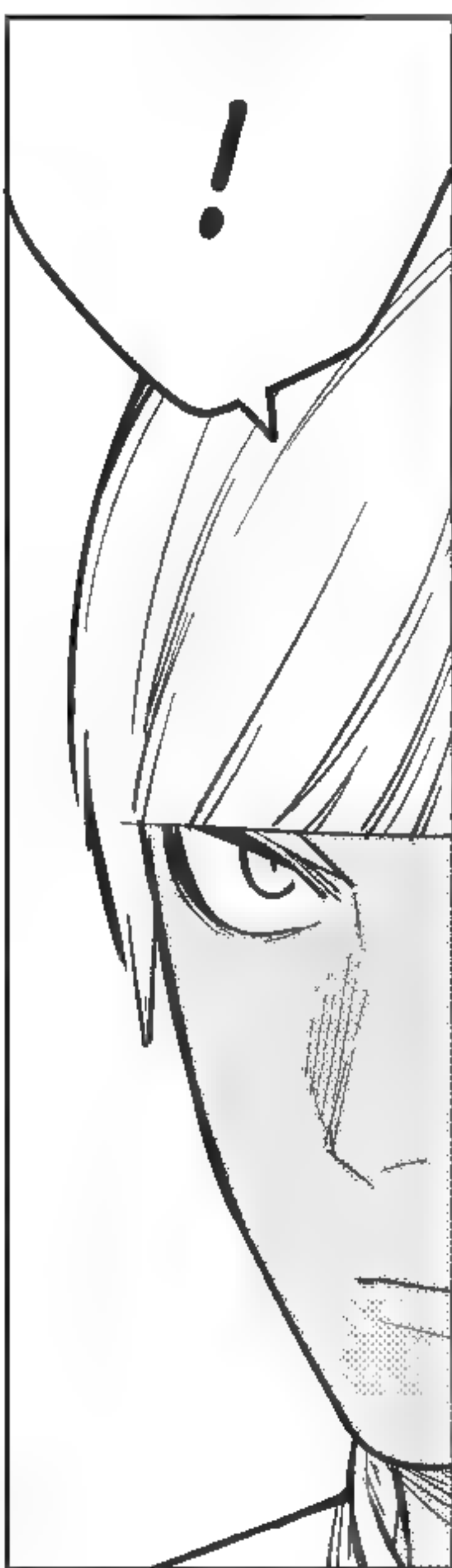
I'LL WIN  
OVER SHION'S  
TRUST WITH  
THIS ANSWER.

THE REASON  
HE JOINED  
THE RANGER  
FORCE.



I BEAT DOWN  
THE RANGER  
FORCE'S DOORS  
BECAUSE OF HOW  
MUCH I LOOKED  
UP TO HIM.

JUST AS IT  
LOOKED LIKE  
THERE WAS  
NOWHERE FOR  
ME AND MY  
SISTER TO  
GO, THAT'S  
WHEN THE  
BLUE KEEPER  
RESCUED US.



HUH?

IS THAT  
REALLY  
TRUE...?



THE  
APPEARANCE OF  
THE FLOATING  
FORTRESS ONLY  
MADE MY PARENTS'  
IDEOLOGY MORE  
EXTREME.

AND THAT'S  
WHEN THE  
MONSTER WHO  
CALLED ITSELF  
GOD APPEARED.





IT ALL  
HAPPENED  
IN A  
FLASH...

I-I'M NOT  
SURE.

CRAP...



I'VE GOT  
A SCORE TO  
SETTLE WITH  
THAT THING,  
TOO.

I  
BET.

SURELY IT  
WAS ONE OF  
THEIR BOSSES.



...

IT GOT MY  
BROTHER.

I'M GOING  
TO TRACK  
THAT THING  
DOWN.



TELL  
ME MORE  
ABOUT IT.

THE MONSTER  
THAT CALLED  
ITSELF GOD.



NOT  
THAT THERE'S  
ANY WAY TO  
KNOW THE TRUE  
IDENTITY OF THIS  
GOD MONSTER  
NOW, SINCE ALL  
THE BOSSES  
WERE KILLED.

I KNOW  
THAT  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO...

...THERE WAS A  
PERIOD OF ONE  
YEAR WHEN OUR  
BOSSES RAN  
RAMPANT OVER  
THE SURFACE.

IT'S  
NOT THAT  
UNUSUAL  
OF A  
STORY.





I JUST HAD  
TO SIT THERE  
AND WATCH...

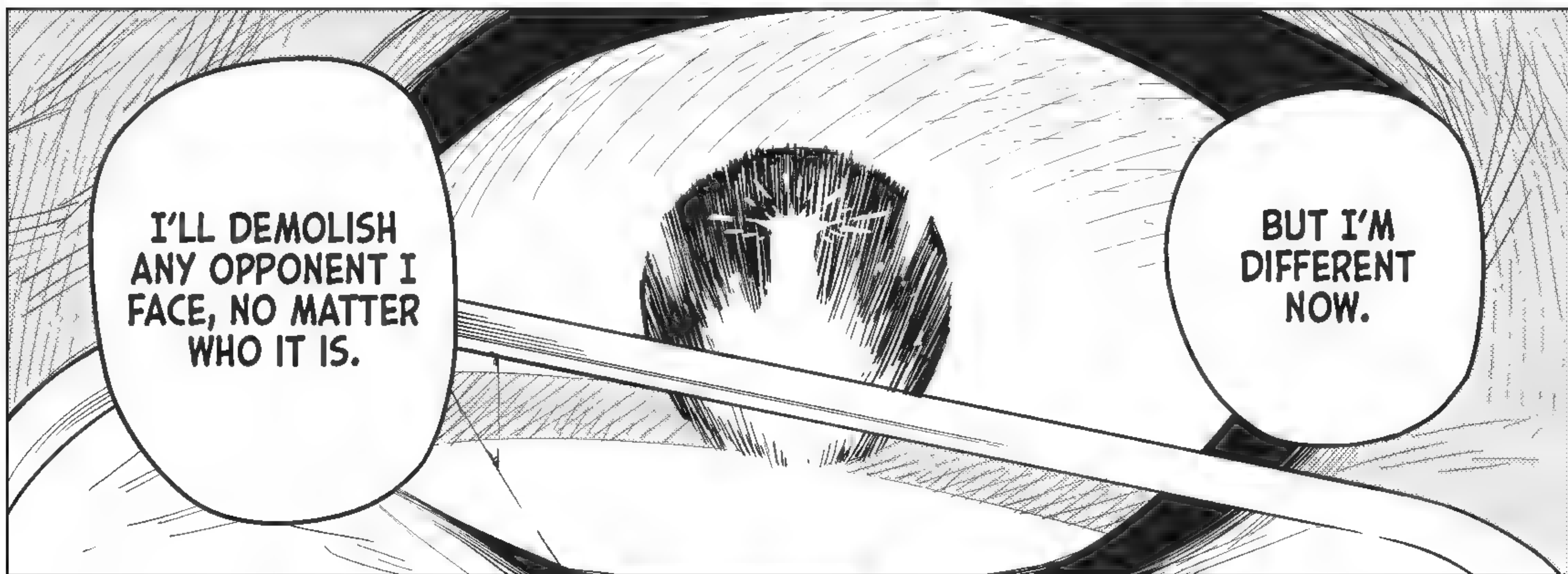
THERE WAS  
NOTHING I  
COULD DO.

...AS MY  
BROTHER WAS  
CRUSHED AND  
DESTROYED.



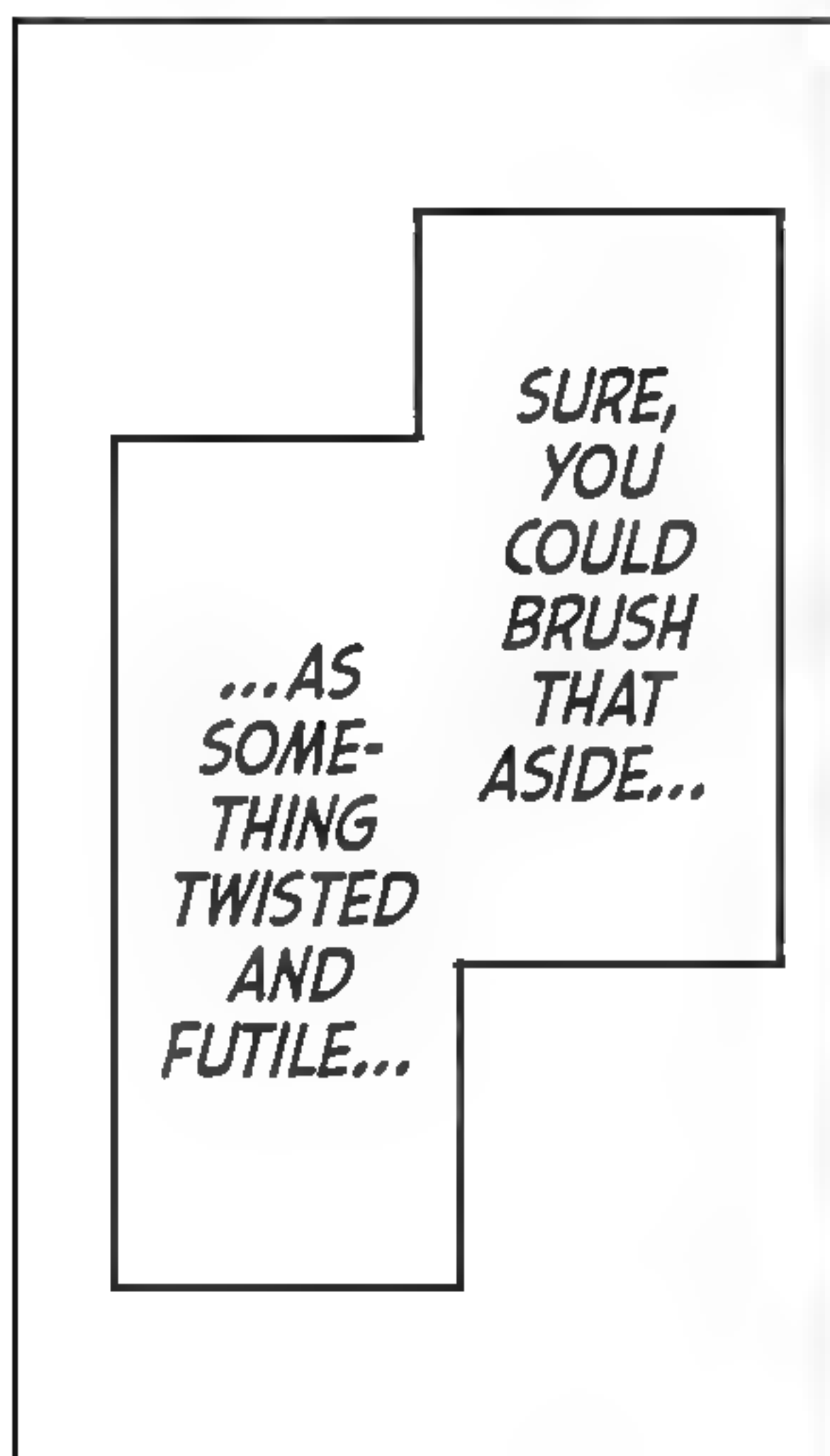
BUT THE  
BOSSSES'  
CRUELTY IS  
ON A WHOLE  
OTHER LEVEL  
COMPARED TO  
THE FIGHTERS.

MY BIG  
BROTHER WAS  
A MEMBER OF  
THE RANGER  
FORCE.



I'LL DEMOLISH  
ANY OPPONENT I  
FACE, NO MATTER  
WHO IT IS.

BUT I'M  
DIFFERENT  
NOW.



...AS  
SOME-  
THING  
TWISTED  
AND  
FUTILE...

SURE,  
YOU  
COULD  
BRUSH  
THAT  
ASIDE...



SO THAT'S  
WHAT'S AT  
THE CORE  
OF IT.

HIS  
DESIRE  
FOR  
REVENGE.



NOW I GET  
WHY THIS DAMN  
IDIOT ALWAYS  
CHARGES IN SO  
RECKLESSLY.



ISN'T  
THAT BOSS  
ALREADY  
DEAD,  
THOUGH?

...BUT  
I'M FAR TOO  
FAMILIAR WITH  
THE STRENGTH  
OF HIS  
CONVICTIONS.

I NEED TO  
BREAK THEM  
FOR GOOD.  
RIGHT HERE.

...EVEN  
IF IT'S  
RISKY.

THIS WAS  
A LONG  
TIME AGO,  
RIGHT?

IF YOU  
CAN'T FIND  
THE BOSS, IT'S  
POSSIBLE THAT  
IT WAS ALREADY  
DEFEATED A  
WHILE BACK BY  
THE DRAGON  
KEEPERS.

HUH?

I NEED  
IT TO BE  
ALIVE.

I DON'T KNOW WHY,  
BUT THE BOSSES  
THAT SHOW UP IN  
THOSE ARE ALWAYS  
SO PATHETIC.

THERE'S NO  
RECORD OF IT  
EVER APPEARING  
IN THE SUNDAY  
SHOWDOWN.

ACK...

WELL, YEAH...  
THOSE ARE  
FAKES THAT  
WE MIMIC...



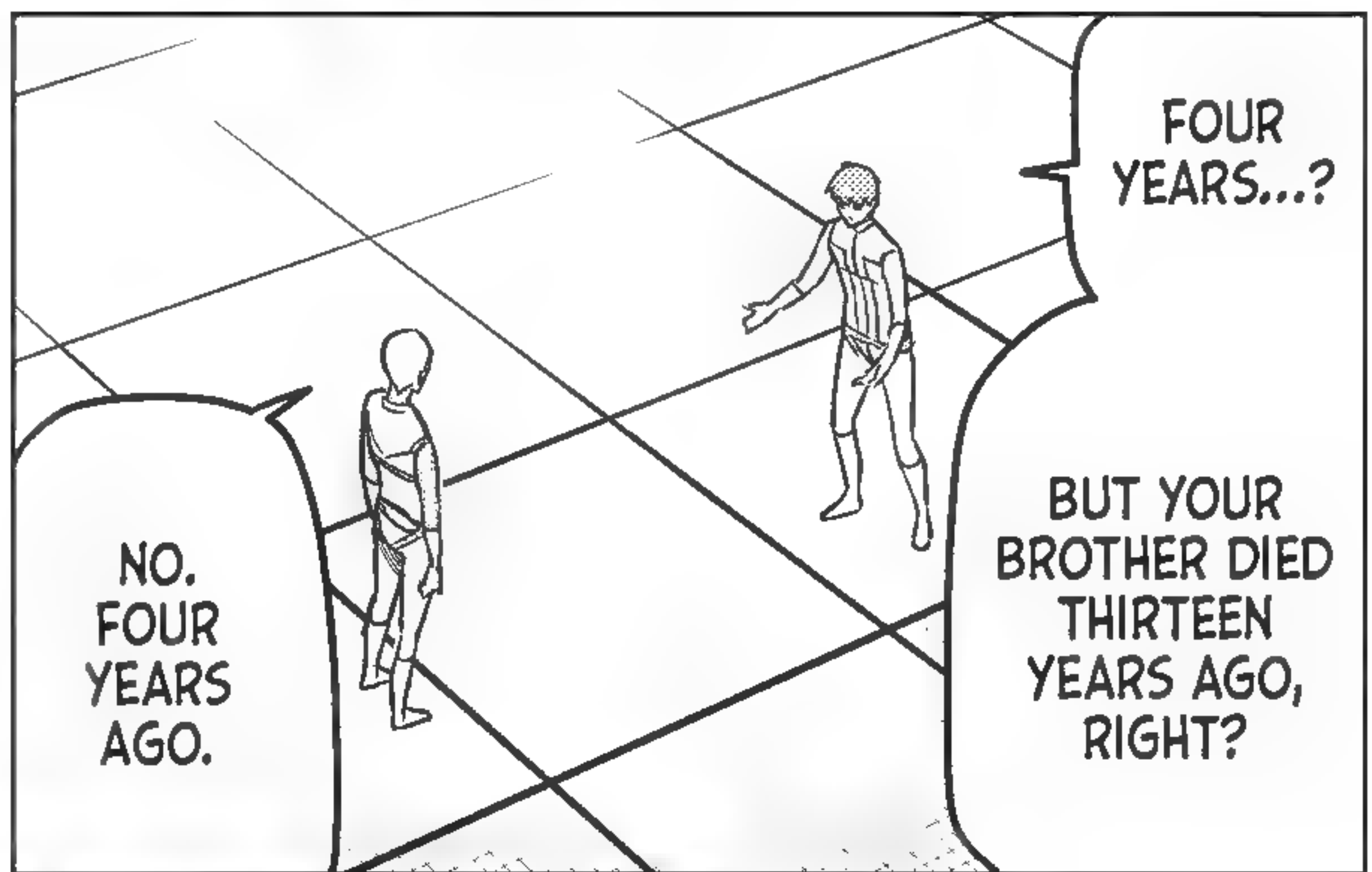


...TRYING  
TO CLEAR THE  
STAIN ON MY  
BROTHER'S  
NAME.

I'VE  
ALREADY  
SPENT FOUR  
YEARS...



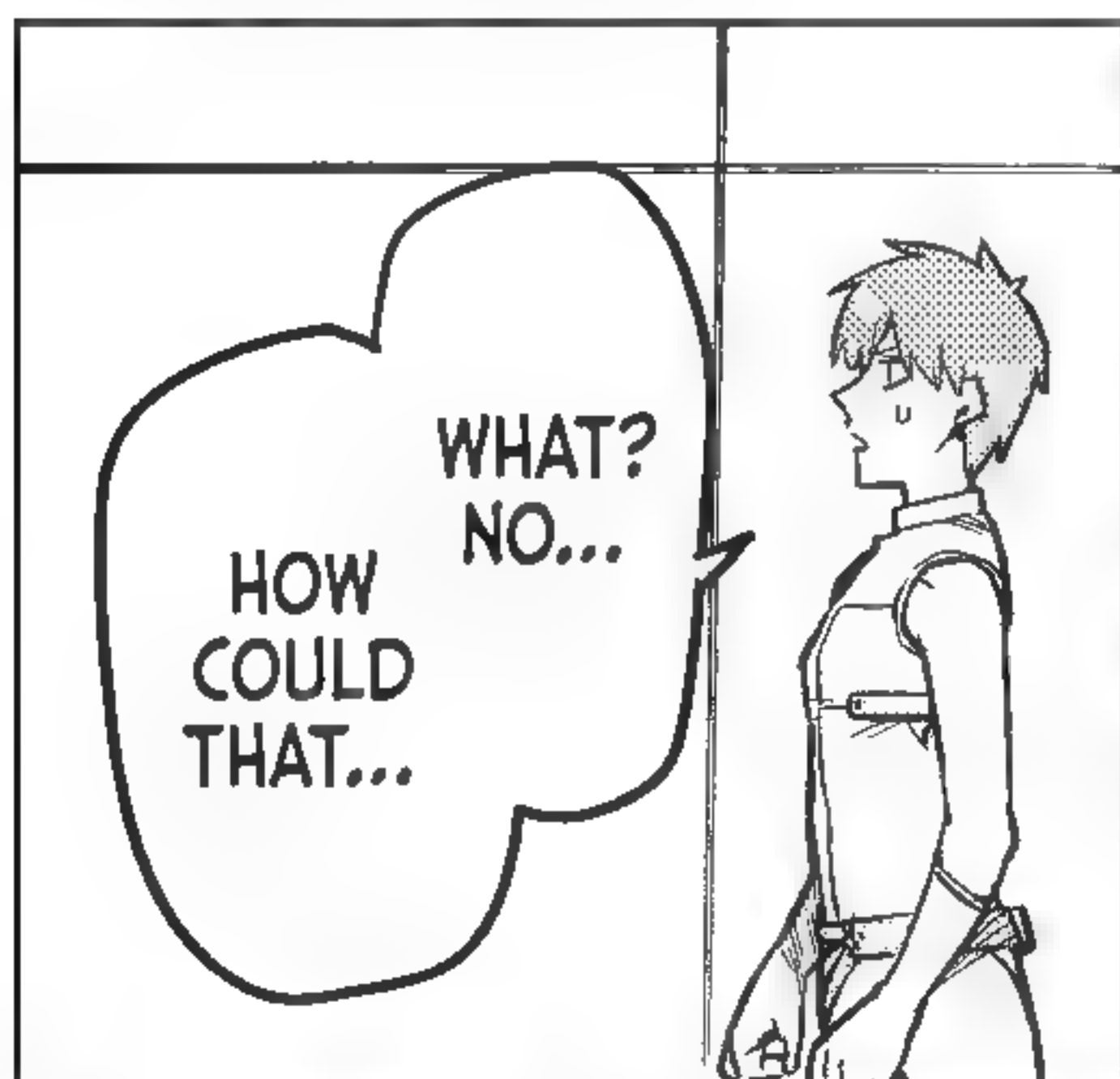
THERE'S  
NO WAY  
THAT'S  
POSSIBLE!



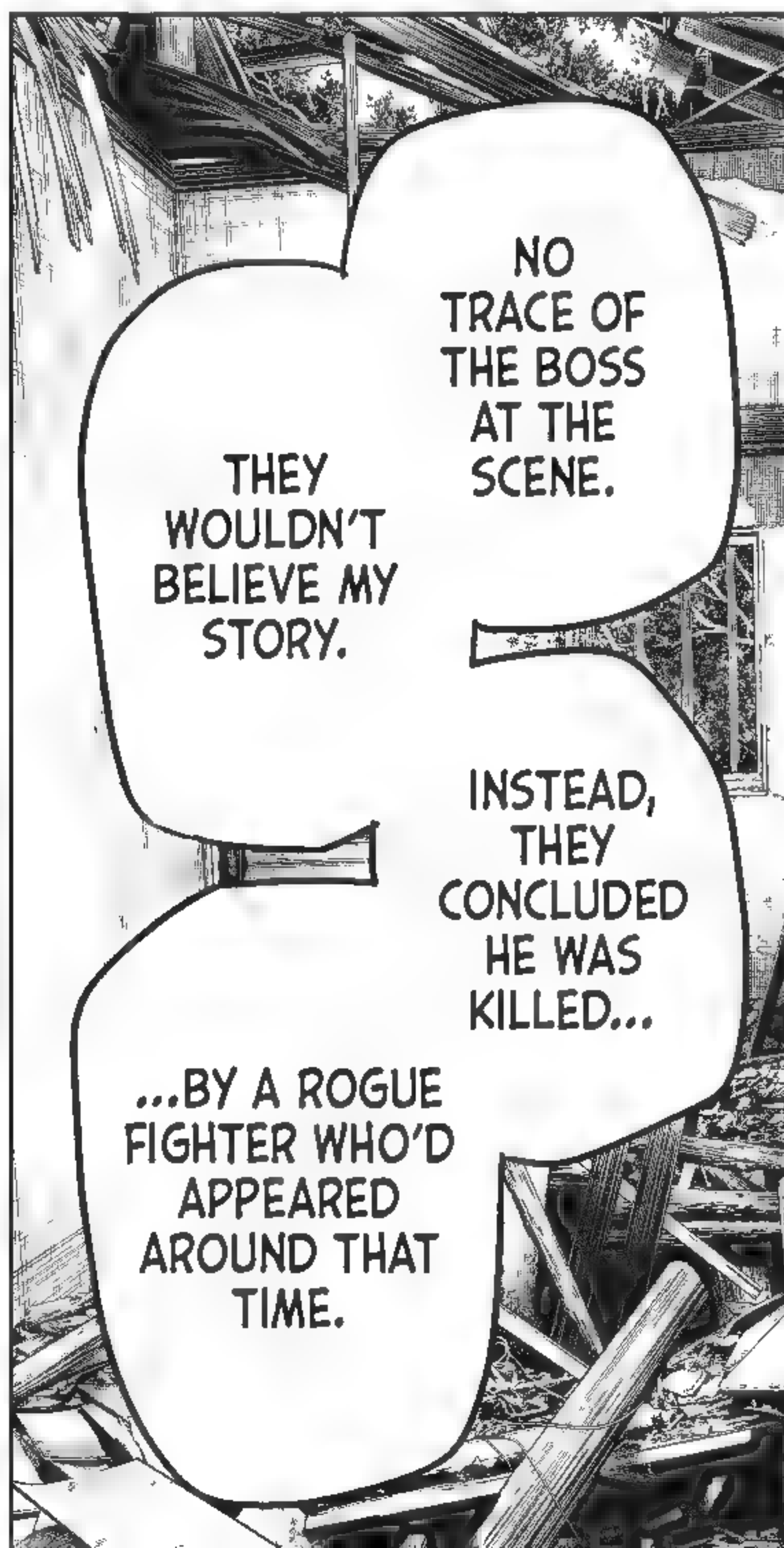
FOUR  
YEARS...?

BUT YOUR  
BROTHER DIED  
THIRTEEN  
YEARS AGO,  
RIGHT?

NO.  
FOUR  
YEARS  
AGO.



WHAT?  
NO...  
HOW  
COULD  
THAT...

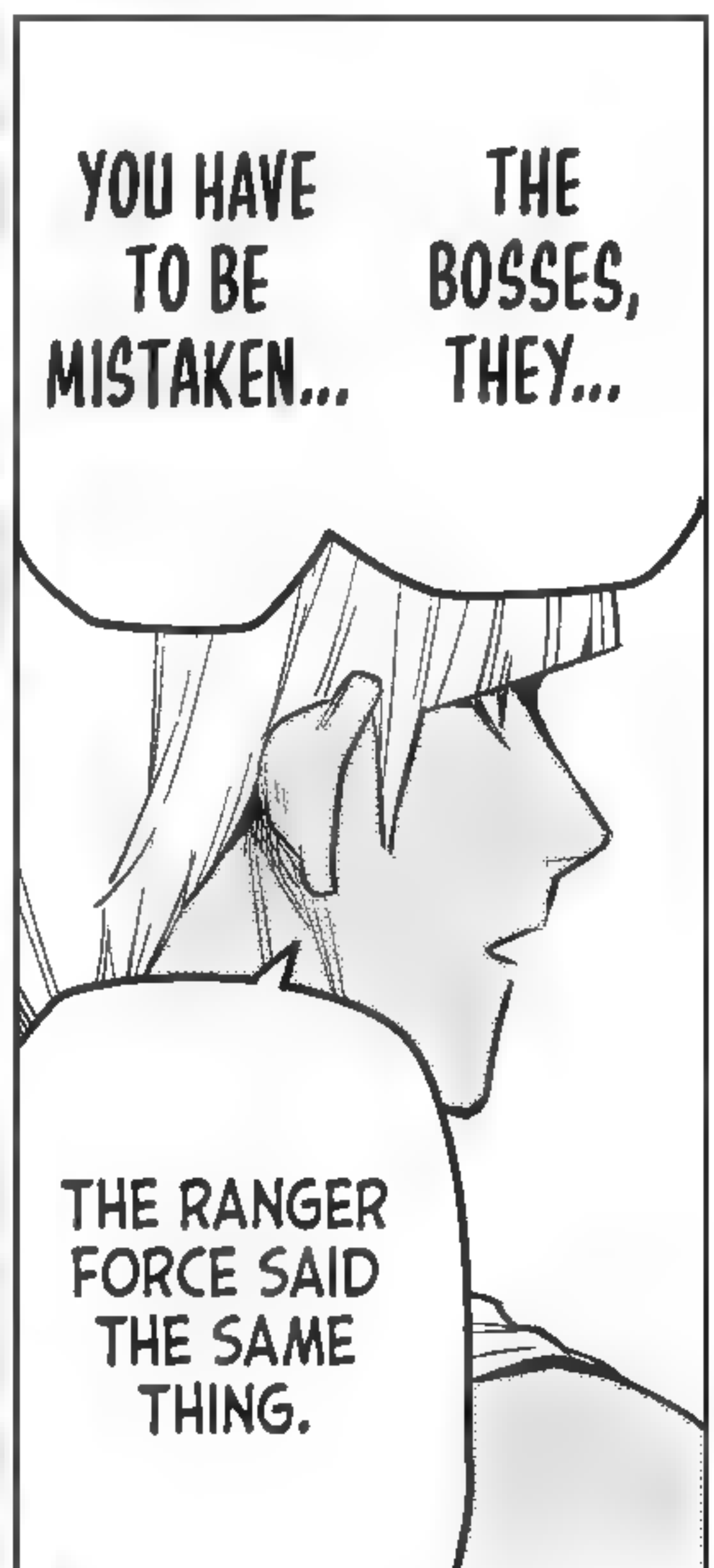


NO  
TRACE OF  
THE BOSS  
AT THE  
SCENE.

THEY  
WOULDN'T  
BELIEVE MY  
STORY.

INSTEAD,  
THEY  
CONCLUDED  
HE WAS  
KILLED...

...BY A ROGUE  
FIGHTER WHO'D  
APPEARED  
AROUND THAT  
TIME.



YOU HAVE  
TO BE  
MISTAKEN... THE  
BOSSSES,  
THEY...

THE RANGER  
FORCE SAID  
THE SAME  
THING.



THE IDEA THAT  
A MONSTER  
WAS HIDING ON  
THE SURFACE  
FOR THIRTEEN  
YEARS IS...

THE FLOATING  
FORTRESS IS  
NOTHING BUT  
A HUSK OF ITS  
FORMER SELF,  
THAT'S FOR  
CERTAIN.



IS IT REALLY  
POSSIBLE THAT  
A BOSS IS  
STILL ALIVE...?

I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND...



DO YOU KNOW  
SOMETHING...?

XX.



HUP!

FORGET ABOUT  
REPAIRS, THIS  
CALLS FOR A  
REPLACEMENT.



JUST  
WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING  
IN YOUR  
ROOM?

WHOA!

THIS  
IS AWFUL,  
SAKURA-  
MA-KUN.









GAAAH!

SLAM



HE  
FOUND  
ME!

OH  
NO.



HE'S  
GONNA  
KILL  
ME.

THAT WAS A  
SURPRISE.

WHAT'S A  
FIGHTER DOING  
IN SAKURAMA-  
KUN'S ROOM?



DAMMIT  
...!

A COMMON  
SOLDIER LIKE  
THIS...?!

JUST  
REMAIN  
CALM.



DON'T  
FIGHT  
BACK.





IT'LL  
BE BAD IF  
YOU MAKE  
TOO MUCH  
NOISE.

PLEASE JUST  
STAY QUIET.  
I'LL LET YOU  
ESCAPE.

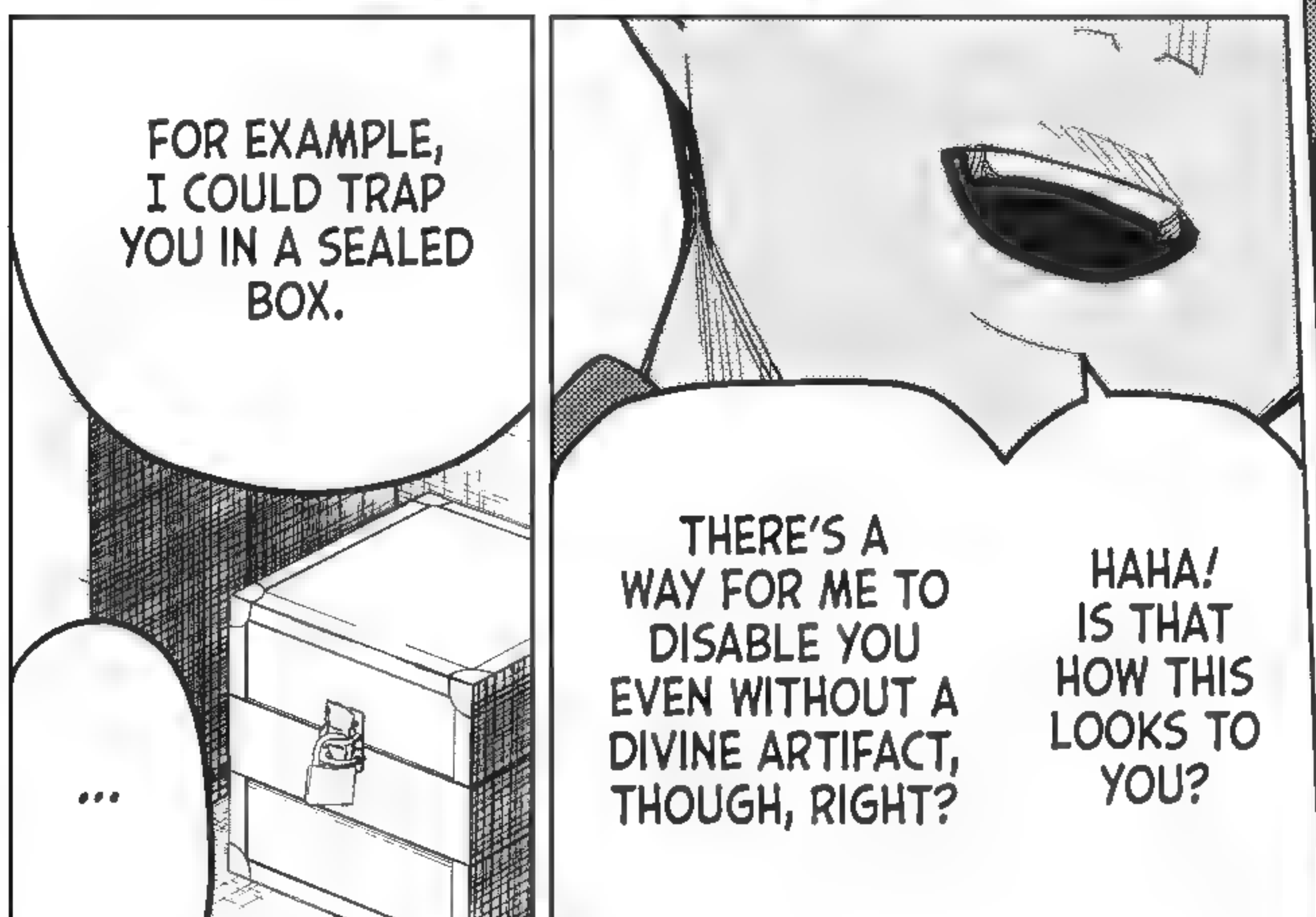


OH, I GET IT.  
YOU CAN'T  
TRULY KILL  
ME WITHOUT  
A DIVINE  
ARTIFACT.

YOU'RE JUST  
TRYING TO  
BUY YOUR-  
SELF TIME.

WHAT'RE YOU  
SAYING...?

I-IS THIS  
A TRAP?  
YOU'RE NOT  
FOOLING  
ME.



FOR EXAMPLE,  
I COULD TRAP  
YOU IN A SEALED  
BOX.

...

THERE'S A  
WAY FOR ME TO  
DISABLE YOU  
EVEN WITHOUT A  
DIVINE ARTIFACT,  
THOUGH, RIGHT?

HAHA!  
IS THAT  
HOW THIS  
LOOKS TO  
YOU?

HUH?



THAT'S WHY I  
TURNED AWAY  
FROM THE WAR ON  
THE SURFACE AND  
CAME HERE TO  
DO MAINTENANCE  
UNDERGROUND.

I KNOW I  
JOINED THE  
RANGER FORCE,  
BUT I GUESS  
IT TURNS OUT  
I DON'T LIKE  
FIGHTING.

BUT...

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
DO THAT  
ANYMORE.

...BUT  
I DON'T  
WANT  
TO KILL  
YOU.

I WON'T  
LET YOU  
KILL ME...

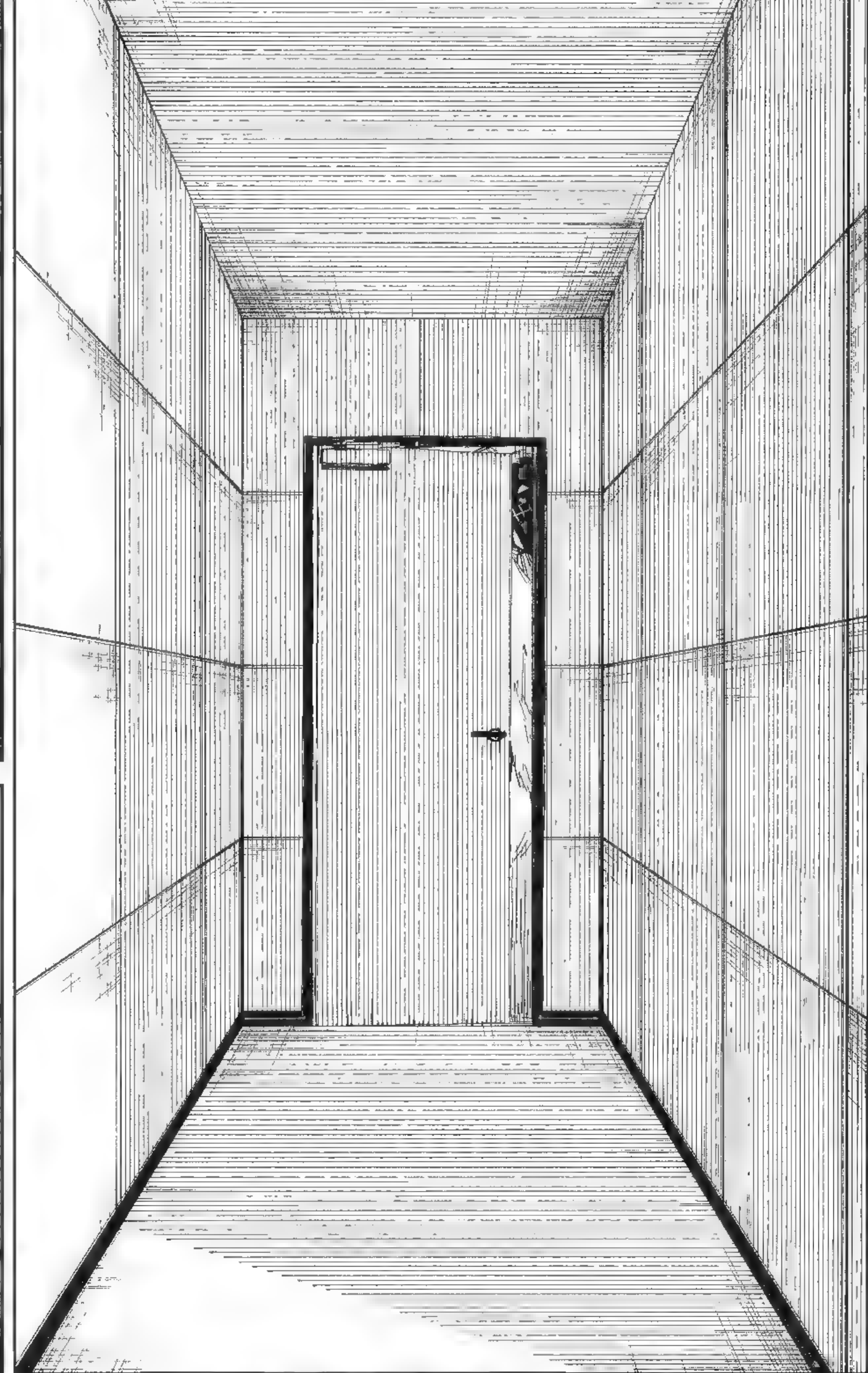
THIS IS  
JUST SELF-  
INDULGENCE.

LET'S FIND  
A WAY TO  
SETTLE THIS  
WITHOUT  
FIGHTING.







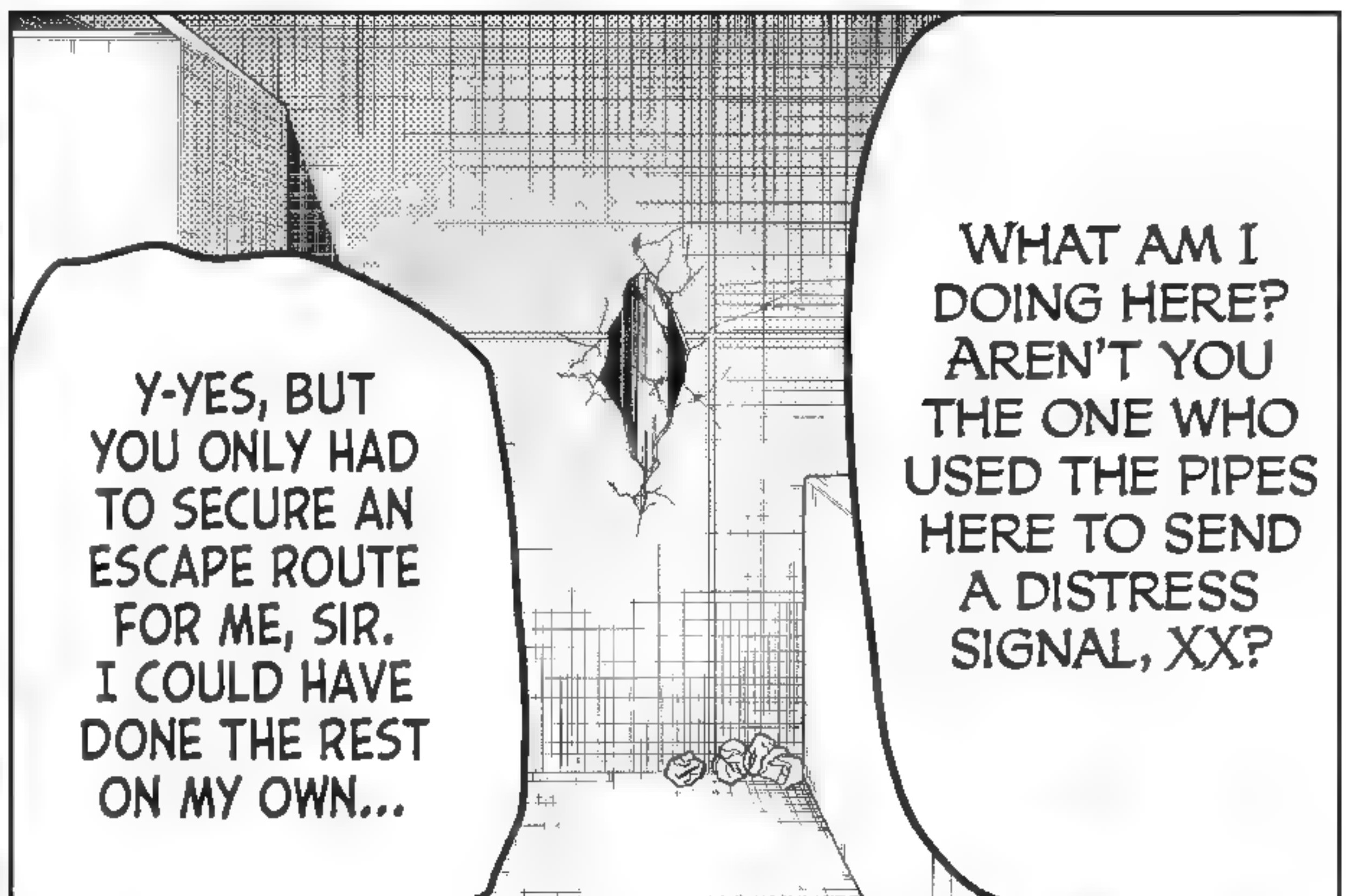






THERE'S NO  
GREATER HONOR  
THAN TO HAVE  
ONE OF THE  
BOSSSES COME  
PERSONALLY...

NO,  
SIR...



Y-YES, BUT  
YOU ONLY HAD  
TO SECURE AN  
ESCAPE ROUTE  
FOR ME, SIR.  
I COULD HAVE  
DONE THE REST  
ON MY OWN...

WHAT AM I  
DOING HERE?  
AREN'T YOU  
THE ONE WHO  
USED THE PIPES  
HERE TO SEND  
A DISTRESS  
SIGNAL, XX?



HM?  
DID I  
UPSET  
YOU?



FLAP



MY  
PRECIOUS  
XX.

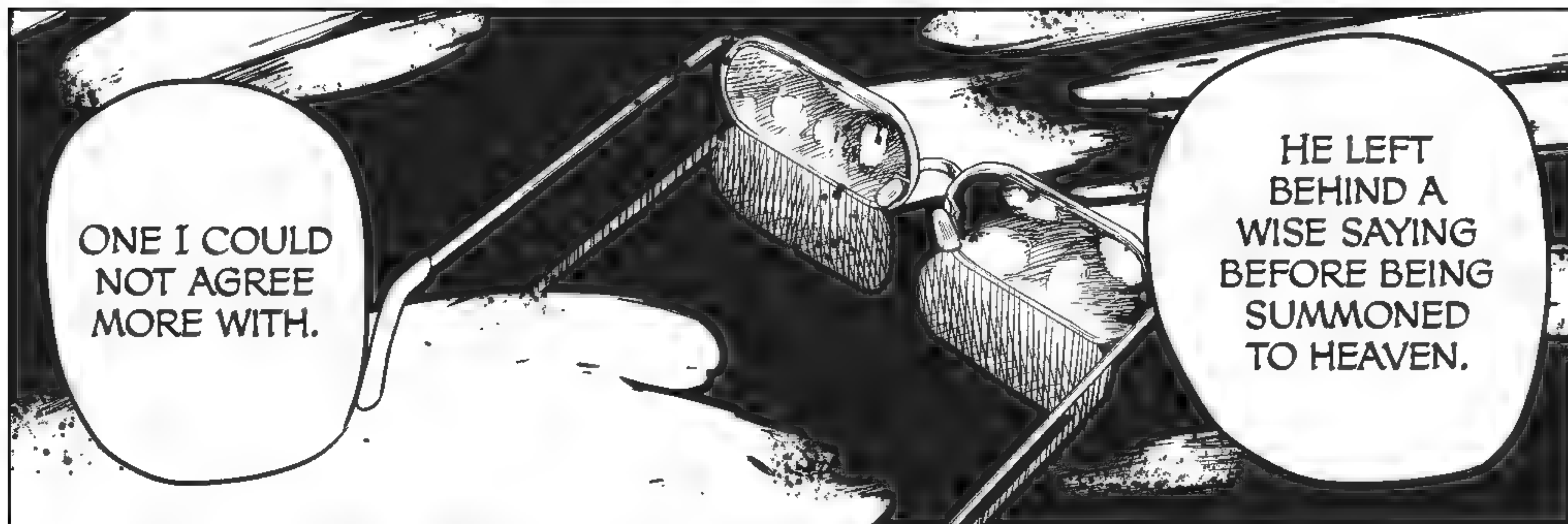
TRAPPED  
IN THIS  
CRAMPED  
LITTLE  
PLACE.

THEY MUST  
HAVE DONE  
TERRIBLE  
THINGS TO  
YOU.

YOU'RE  
TREMBLING.

YOU  
POOR  
THING...





ONE I COULD  
NOT AGREE  
MORE WITH.

HE LEFT  
BEHIND A  
WISE SAYING  
BEFORE BEING  
SUMMONED  
TO HEAVEN.

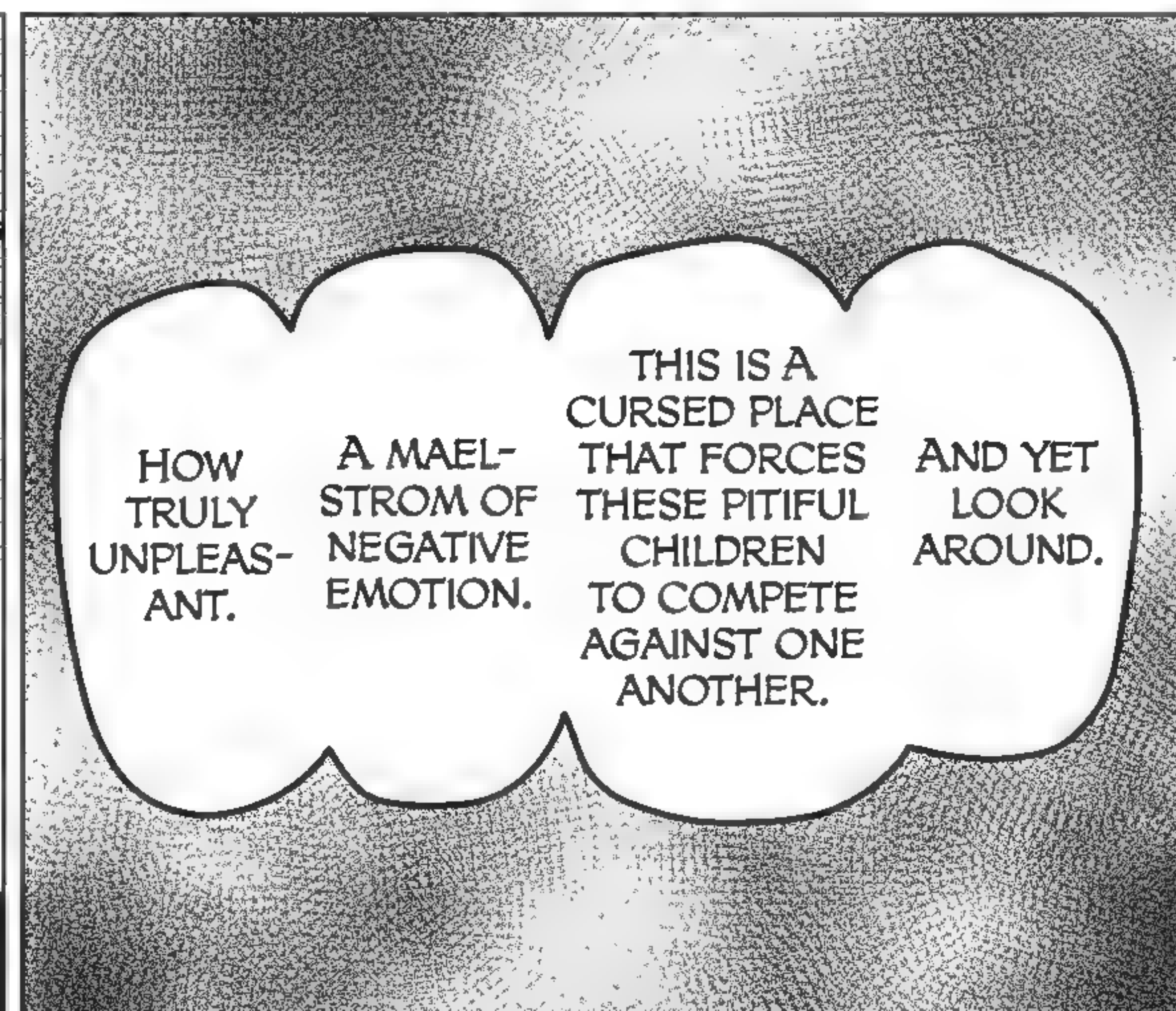


I WISH FOR  
A PEACEFUL  
WORLD. ONE  
WITH NO  
NEED FOR  
CONFLICT.

FIGHTING  
IS SUCH  
A TRAGIC  
THING.  
  
THIS  
WORLD  
WOULD BE  
BETTER  
WITHOUT  
IT.



EVEN  
YOU'LL BE  
IN DANGER.



HOW  
TRULY  
UNPLEAS-  
ANT.

A MAEL-  
STROM OF  
NEGATIVE  
EMOTION.

THIS IS A  
CURSED PLACE  
THAT FORCES  
THESE PITIFUL  
CHILDREN  
TO COMPETE  
AGAINST ONE  
ANOTHER.

AND YET  
LOOK  
AROUND.



RETURN  
TO YOUR  
TRUE FORM  
AND RUN.  
QUICKLY.

FIGHTER  
D...





SAVE  
THEM FROM  
THIS ENDLESS  
SPIRAL OF  
CONFLICT.

THESE  
PITIFUL  
SURFACE-  
DWELLERS.



To Be Continued in Volume 4



*GO! GO!*  
**LOSER RANGER!**





**AND...**

**WHAT  
ABOUT...**

**...THE BOSS  
MONSTER,  
PELTOLA?!**

**...HAVE SPLIT INTO TWO?!**

**WHAT ON  
EARTH  
COULD  
HAVE  
HAPPENED  
?!**

**CANDIDATES WHO  
SHOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER...**



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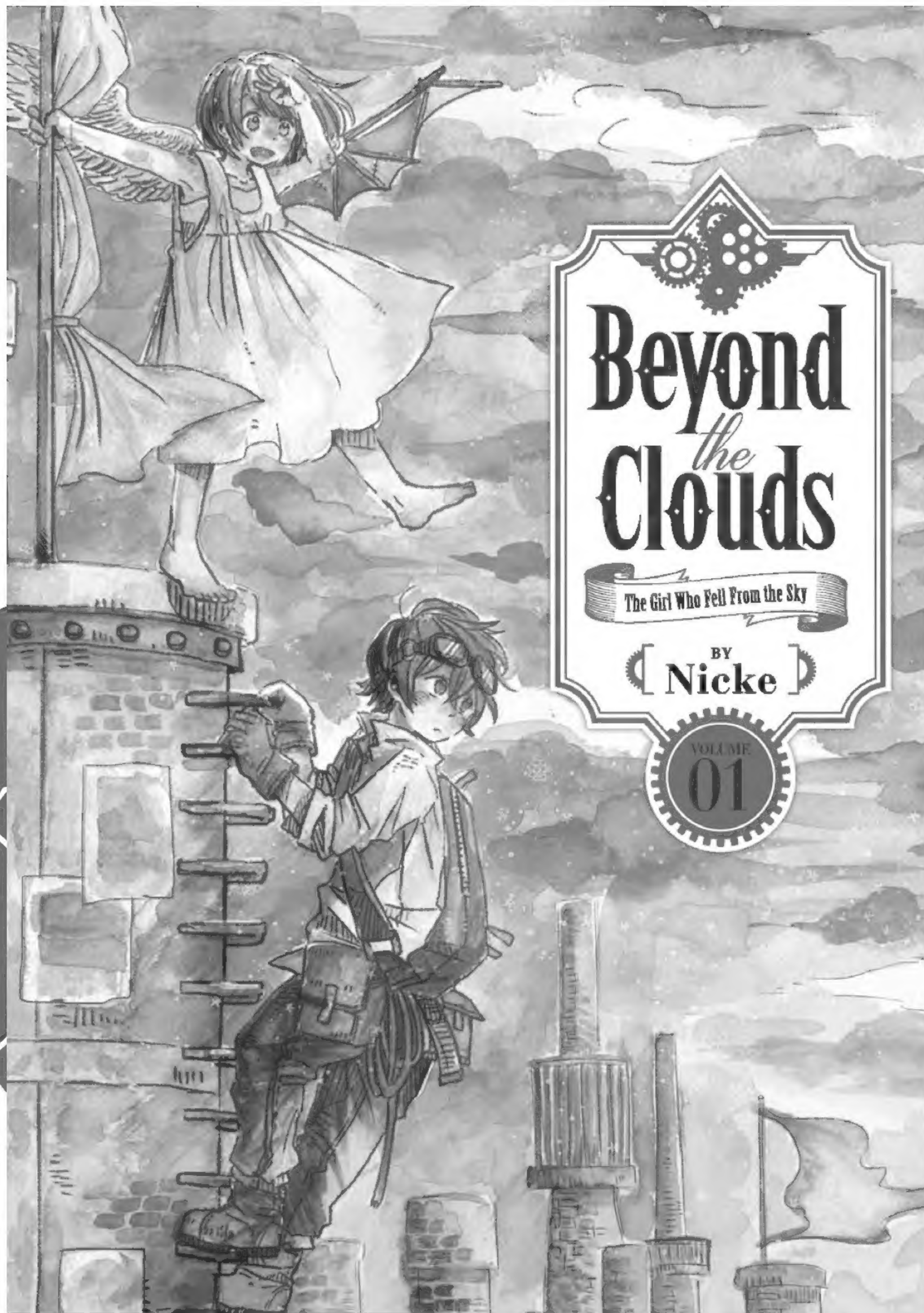
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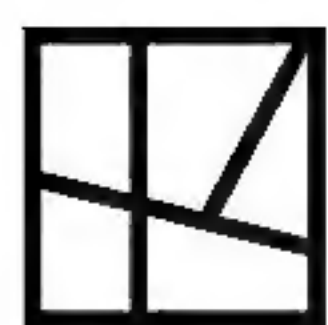
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